

## Religious classes return to St. Jeremiah's in fall

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**F**RAMINGHAM -- Religious education classes will return this fall to St. Jeremiah Parish, and members of the group hoping to save the parish say they expect to see plenty of familiar faces and names on the sign-up sheet.

While parishioners who left St. Jeremiah when it closed May 13 for St. George Parish can continue to take classes at their new church, members of the Appeals Committee are organizing sessions at St. Jeremiah as well.

"We're reaching out to anyone who wants to come to our program," said Mary Beth Carmody, co-chairwoman of the Appeals Committee. She said about 300 youngsters stopped taking religious education when it moved to St. George.

Archdiocese spokesman Terry Donilon told the Daily News yesterday that Archbishop Sean O'Malley told vigil-goers that religious education for those youngsters would remain at St. George.

Jackie Lemmerhirt, co-chairwoman of the Appeals Committee, said sign-ups are ongoing for St. Jeremiah's program, which was shifted last year to St. George.


"We're going forward with it," she said. "We're moving ahead."

Parishioners can hold weekly Mass, but Archbishop Sean O'Malley said they will have to appeal to the Vatican for permission to reopen permanently. The church closed May 13 and has been in an around-the-clock vigil since May 6.

Appeals Committee members are also waiting for a Middlesex Superior Court appeal to be heard, possibly later this month. That effort asks for a ruling that the church belongs to parishioners because the land was a gift.

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