

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY



October 2019

Dear Confirmation Candidates and Parents,

*There is much preparation for this Sacrament. Enclosed are the dates that will assist you in preparing for this most sacred occasion in the life of your family. Below are important dates that you must attend. Included is the schedule for your Confirmation retreat and the Sacrament of Reconciliation. You must attend one retreat, Reconciliation, hand in the journal **BY February 10th, 2020, and come to a discernment meeting to be able to make Confirmation this year.***

RETREAT DAY ~ all retreats will be held in the Lower Level

All Students **must attend Mass** before coming to their assigned retreat. Retreats will include a pizza lunch.

Sunday, December 8 - Begins with 12:00 PM Mass (Retreat begins after Mass) - 4:30 PM

Mr. Ford, Deacon Roger, Deacon George, and Mrs. Russell-Sica's classes

Sunday, January 12 - Begins with 10:30 AM Mass (Retreat begins after Mass) - 3:00 PM

Mrs. Grable, Mrs. O'Connor, Mrs. DeRobertis, Mrs. Lavery, GIFT Students

Discernment interviews ~will be held on March 23rd and March 24th. Each student will be assigned a time and day which will be sent out by post card at a future time (**all students must attend one discernment interview.**)

Vocation Speaker Panel ~ If your child did not attend this last year it is on March 17th at 5:45 or 7:00 pm.

Social Justice ~ If your child did not attend this last year they should attend the social justice event this year which is on November 18 at 5:45 or 7:00 pm..

Healthy Relationships: All Level 8 Students **MUST** attend this event, Mon. Feb. 24th, 2020 at either 5:45 or 7 pm. This is in place of class this week.

Confirmation Blessing Mass ~ On Sunday, April 19th or April 26th, all 8th graders and families are to attend the 5 pm Mass for a special blessing from the parish family. We will be distributing the Confirmation gowns and returning the Journals after Mass in the lower level of the Church.

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Sunday, January 12th

Parent, sponsor meeting in the Lower Level, 4:00pm. (If sponsor is available)

A sponsor must be 16 years of age, received Confirmation, and a practicing Catholic in good standing with the Church.

Reconciliation Dates

All Reconciliation services take approximately 1 hour

Thursday, March 12th, 2020 6:00pm

Mr. Ford, Mrs. Russell-Sica

Thursday, March 19th, 2020 6:00pm

Deacon Roger, Deacon George

Thursday, March 26th, 2020 6:00pm

Mrs. Grable, Mrs. O'Connor, Mrs. DeRobertis

Thursday, April 2nd 2020 6:00pm

Mrs. Lavery, GIFT Students

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Confirmation Date –We have not received the date for Confirmation from the Bishop's Office at this time.

CONFIRMATION REHEARSAL ~ it is **Mandatory** that Confirmation Candidates attend the rehearsal to which they have been assigned. Sponsors do not have to attend.

Tickets ~ Each Candidate will receive 5 Guest tickets plus 1 for the Sponsor. Tickets will be distributed at the end of rehearsal. (The Candidate does not need a ticket.)

Confirmation Fee & Form ~ Reminders: Parents of the Confirmation Candidate cannot sponsor his/her own child. The taking of a Confirmation Name and the choice of Sponsor should be given much thought. **NO CHANGES** may be made once the candidate has submitted his/her Confirmation Name and Name of Sponsor. Please mail the information form along with the Confirmation Fee of \$55.00 by **December 16th, 2019**. The fee includes: Retreat Day, Confirmation Robe, Bishop's Stipend, Printing, Flowers, etc.. (fee is \$35 if you already have one of our robes).

PHOTOGRAPHY ~ No snapshots or videos may be taken during the Confirmation Mass. The Bishop will be available for pictures with each Candidate after Mass.

PROPER ATTIRE ~ Candidates will be supplied with robes, which they may keep. **Only those meeting all requirements will be given robes.** We ask that NO SNEAKERS or jeans be worn. It is expected that Sponsors dress in APPROPRIATE Church attire or Business attire.

We thank you for your cooperation and if you require any additional information please do not hesitate to call us (631)567-1765 or email at stjohnreled@optonline.net.

Sincerely,

Kathy Russell-Sica & Hank Maclellan