

CONFIRMATION DETAILS 2017 – 2018

All 8th grade classes start the week of September 24th and will end with Confirmation being held on April 28th, 2018.

Each Confirmand is required to attend regular CCD classes as well as to attend the 6 special Confirmation classes with Fr. Jeffrey Galens; see attached class schedule. These classes take place during the regularly scheduled classes. If you miss one of Fr. Galens' special classes, please attend it on one of the other two days given. (Ex., if you normally attend the Sunday class and are absent for that class on one of the days Fr. Galens is teaching his special lesson, please attend the Monday or Wednesday class when he will be teaching the same lesson).

RETREAT

The Confirmation Retreat is being held in conjunction with Bedford Village Confirmation program at St. Patrick's in Bedford Village on Friday, November 10th, 2016 from 9 AM – 12 Noon. The Confirmation Retreat is mandatory.

PARENTS CONFIRMATION MEETING

A Confirmation Meeting for parents is scheduled for Monday, October 30th, at 7 PM. This meeting will be for all Confirmation parents only. No children.

CONFIRMATION COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT

Because our Confirmation students attend weekly classes rather than monthly as in the past, we no longer require 24 hours of community service. But we do ask that the students engage in at least one act of community service that they will define and explain on the form that we have included. The community service should benefit someone other than family or selves and can be done during the Summer or through the year up to the date of Confirmation.

POT-LUCK DINNER AND MINI-RETREAT

Sunday, April 22, at 5pm through 7pm...it includes Sunday Mass for the Confirmation students...mandatory attendance!

CONFIRMATION FORMS

The Confirmation forms (Covenant; Choosing a Christian Name; Saints & Sponsor; Community Service) are available on the St. Patrick's CCD Website. Due dates to turn in these forms will be announced in class.

CONFIRMATION NAME

Students should decide on the name they want to choose for Confirmation. We have attached several links to websites that highlight the lives of hundreds of saints. Once they have picked their name, they should fill in and submit the two forms: Choosing of a Christian Name and Confirmation Saint and Sponsor. Below are the links to saints' names. They are also available on the Religious Ed page of the St. Patrick's Website.

<http://www.catholic.org/saints/stindex.php>

<http://www.loyolapress.com/saints-stories-for-kids.htm>

<http://nyfaithformation.org/saints-of-new-york>

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SPONSORS: The date for the Confirmation rehearsal with the sponsors for the 10am Mass group has been scheduled for 7pm on Wednesday, April 25th, and on Friday, April 28th, at 7pm for the 1pm Mass group. If a sponsor lives a distance and cannot be available that evening, please have a parent stand in for him/her for the rehearsal, then relay the details to the sponsor. We will meet in Wallace Hall. (As earlier indicated, students A through L are scheduled for the 10am ceremony and M through Z will attend the 1pm ceremony.)

DRESS CODE: All students will be given a red sash to drape around their neck and over their clothing. Sashes will be distributed to the students at the Confirmation practices.

Men: Wear suits or a sports jacket and dress pants, tie and dress shoes. No sneakers for this occasion.

Women: Wear dress or skirt/blouse or a nice pantsuit and dress shoes. No sneakers. It is appropriate that girls wear dresses that cover their shoulders. Strapless, backless or spaghetti straps, or low-cut dresses would be inappropriate. Length should be modest, at least to right above the knee.
REMEMBER, THIS IS A RELIGIOUS CEREMONY...

TIME: The celebrations on Saturday, April 28th, will begin at 10 am and 1 pm, respectively. All candidates and sponsors are asked to arrive one-half hour before their scheduled time and report to Wallace Hall. At that time, all candidates/sponsors will meet in Wallace to line up.

PHOTOS: To maintain the solemnity of the occasion, you are strongly requested not to leave your place to take any photos during the actual celebration of the Sacrament. This will help by not distracting the Bishop, concelebrants or candidates. We will have a professional photographer taking pictures of each student being confirmed by the Bishop. There will be ample opportunities for taking pictures with the Bishop outside or inside the Church (if rain), **AFTER** the Liturgy. The Bishop is very accommodating. Please share this information with visiting relatives who may not be aware of our policy.

We know this is a lot of information to digest, but we are hoping to make the program more meaningful and less stressful to your sons and daughters. And, as always, we are available to help with questions.

Best Regards, The Religious Ed Staff

Confirmation Classes with Fr. Jeffrey Galens

There are 6 special Confirmation classes scheduled throughout the CCD school year. They will be given on Sundays, Mondays and Wednesdays during normal class hours. If one of the special sessions can't be made, the Confirmation student can attend the same class on one of the other days (Sunday, Monday, Wednesday).

The sessions are as follows:

Confirmation 1

Sunday	November 5 9:20AM Class
Monday	November 6 at 7PM Class
Wednesday	November 8 at 6PM Class

Confirmation 2

Sunday	December 10 at 9:20AM Class
Monday	December 11 at 7PM Class
Wednesday	December 13 at 6PM Class

Confirmation 3

Sunday	January 7 at 9:20 AM Class
Monday	January 8 at 7PM Class
Wednesday	January 10 at 6PM Class

Confirmation 4

Sunday	February 4 at 9:20AM Class
Monday	February 26 at 7PM Class
Wednesday	February 28 at 6PM Class

Confirmation 5

Sunday	March 11 at 9:20AM Class
Monday	March 5 at 7PM Class
Wednesday	March 7 at 6PM Class

Confirmation 6

Sunday	April 15 at 9:20AM Class
Monday	April 16 at 7PM Class
Wednesday	April 18 at 6PM Class

REPORT ON SERVICE ACTIVITY

An important part of preparing to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation is performing works of service. These works of service show our commitment to following Christ by imitating his concern for others and also prepare us for a lifetime of compassion and caring that is an essential part of Christian discipleship.

Please complete the following recalling that *God calls each of us to use our gifts and talents in service of others.*

Name: _____

Date(s) of service: _____ Hours of Service: _____

General Description of Service Activity:

Who did I serve? (Family - Parish - Elderly - the Poor - Local or Global Community - Stewardship/Environment - Peace & Justice.) How did I demonstrate Christ's concern for others? Which of my gifts did I use in the service of others and how did I use them?

Candidate's Signature: _____

Parent's Signature: _____

Parents, please feel free to make any observations or comments on the back of this paper about the candidate's service. Each candidate is expected to hand in one report for each different activity. Please submit one paper after each activity is completed.