

Saint Rose of Lima Church Whole Parish Catechesis

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Associate: Father Dominic Perunilam

RITE OF CONFIRMATION

2011-2012

"You have been trusted with a wonderful treasure.
Guard it with the help of the Holy Spirit, who lives within you."

-2 Timothy 1:14

Confirmation Team

Mrs. Joan Dziejic
Mrs. Karen Murphy
Mrs. JoAnne Hibbett
Mrs. Janet Cunningham

Come Holy Spirit

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful.

And kindle in us the fire of your love.

Send forth your Spirit and we shall be created.

And you will renew the face of the earth.

Lord, by the light of the Holy Spirit

you have taught the hearts of your faithful.

In the same Spirit help us choose what is right

and always rejoice in your consolation.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead. On the third day He rose again.
He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting.
Amen.

8th GRADE - WPC NIGHTS, PROJECTS & GROUP ACTIVITIES

Monday, September 19	WPC
Monday, September 26	Mandatory Parent and Candidate Meeting - 6:30pm in PH
Monday, October 3	WPC, Confirmation Commitment - Practice for Mass of Commitment - Wallet size photo of Candidate for Banner
Sunday, October 9	10:00am Mass of Commitment and Coffee And - Mandatory. Families and sponsors are asked to attend. (Meet at 9:30 in PH for short practice)
Monday, October 17	WPC - Ministry Commitment - The Rosary
Monday, October 24	WPC - Letter of Intent to Fr. Rick
Monday, November 7	WPC - Adoration
Monday, November 14	Teen Social - Movie in the PH - Bring a snack to share
Monday, November 21	WPC - Sponsor Name, Address and Letter
Monday, December 5	WPC
Monday, December 12	Teen Social - Bowling
Monday, December 19	WPC - Decorate the Church for Christmas
Monday, January 9	WPC
Monday, January 23	WPC - Confirmation Saint Name Selection
Monday, February 6	WPC - Confirmation Saint Biography
Monday, February 13	WPC
Monday, February 27	WPC - Sponsor Eligibility Due - Adoration

Monday, March 5	Teen Social - Game Night - 6:30pm - Bring a snack to share
Saturday, Mar 10	RETREAT-Diocesan Youth Day-Mandatory
Monday, March 12	WPC - Pro-Life Presentation
Wednesday, March 21	8th Grade -Teen Outreach "Because I'm worth it" by Pam Stenzel, at Immaculate Conception Church in Clinton, NJ
Monday, March 26	WPC, Lead the Stations of the Cross in the Church
Monday, April 16	WPC-Grade Review and Prayer Journal Due
Monday, April 30	WPC - Jeopardy Game in the PH
April, May or June	Confirmation Date - TBA
May	NJ Youth Rally - Great Adventure
August	Diocese Day at Dorney Park

Explanation of Projects and Activities

**September 26 - Mandatory Candidate and Parent Meeting - With Fr. Rick
6:30pm in PH**

October 3 - Confirmation Commitment, Wallet size photo of Candidate

This Covenant/Commitment is to be read and signed by the candidate and the parent. Also, please bring in a school photo to be used for our Confirmation Banner at special masses and activities.

Sunday, October 9-Mass of Commitment and Coffee And

Candidates make a commitment to continue to grow in their faith surrounded by family, friends, sponsors and the parish community. Candidates meet at 9:30 in PH for short practice. Families and sponsors are asked to attend Mass followed by "Coffee And" **Attendance is mandatory.**

October 17 - Ministry Commitment

This ministry commitment is to be read and signed by the candidate and parent. Each candidate must choose a parish ministry that they will be active in throughout the year.

October 24 - Letter of Intent to Father Rick

The letter of intent is meant to be a reflective, personal letter to Father Rick expressing why the candidate desires to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation and the Gifts of the Holy Spirit. It should be well thought out and prayerful.

November 21-Sponsor Name and Address Form and Letter to Sponsor

This letter to the Candidate's chosen sponsor should be an invitation letter asking them to be their Confirmation Sponsor. The letter should include the reasons why the candidate has chosen this person to be his/her sponsor. We will include this letter in your sponsor's information packet.

January 23 - Confirmation Saint Name Selection

The Candidate should prayerfully choose a Saint that they admire and would like to emulate in their life. They may use their Baptismal name or choose another name.

February 6 - Saint Biography

Type or clearly write a one page biography of your chosen Confirmation Saint/Name. Please include a picture or an item depicting him/her and tell why you chose this saint. Include what Gifts of the Holy Spirit he/she possessed. Write a short prayer to your saint.

February 27 - Sponsor Eligibility

Each sponsor must supply the Candidate or the Whole Parish Catechesis Office with a Certificate of Eligibility. The sponsor must obtain this certificate from the Parish where they practice their faith. It must be signed and contain the seal of the church, certifying that the sponsor is a practicing Catholic and eligible to be a Confirmation sponsor

Saturday, March 10 - Confirmation Retreat - Diocesan Youth Day

This is an all-day retreat with Confirmation Candidates and Youth Groups from around our diocese. St. Bernard Clairvaux, Bridgewater, NJ.

Retreat attendance is mandatory.

March 12 - Pro-Life Presentation during class.

Wednesday, March 21 - 8th Grade Teen Outreach - Requirement

"Because I'm worth it" by Pam Stenzel, at Church of the Assumption, Clinton, NJ.

April, May or June: Confirmation Date to be announced

St. Rose of Lima Confirmation Commitment-October 3

- I promise to attend Mass every Sunday and Holy Day of Obligation
- I promise to pray and read scripture daily
- I promise to cheerfully participate in all assignments and activities
- I promise to attend scheduled WPC evenings and Sacramental events.
- I promise to attend the Monthly Group Activities
- I promise to be involved in one monthly Parish Ministry for the whole year. (Please see the Ministry Involvement list and Parish Ministry Commitment)

I understand that by committing myself to this process, I accept the responsibility to learn more about my faith, to serve others willingly, to reflect on my relationship with the Holy Spirit, and to become a witness to the Gospel values and moral laws of the Church.

We recognize the importance of the preparation process for the Sacrament of Confirmation. By signing this Covenant we acknowledge and agree to all the expectations of St. Rose of Lima Church.

Candidate's Signature and Date

Parent's Signature and Date

*All requirements must be completed prior to receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation.

PARISH MINISTRY INVOLVEMENTS

I. PARISH MINISTRIES

1. Altar Servers
2. Greeters at Mass: Greet, Help with Collection, Distribute Bulletin and The Spirit Newspaper, Clean-up pews after Mass
3. Choir-Alicia Aitken
4. Jr. Holy Name: Boys only. Attend some preparation meetings and help set up and clean up at Holy Name Functions during the year.
5. Altar & Church Decorations: Girls only. Help to prepare the church for the Liturgical Seasons during the year (Assisted by Mrs. Olmes)
6. Hospitality: Help at Spaghetti Dinner, Coffee Ands, Ladies Breakfast, Soup & Stations, etc.
7. Parish Event Photographer-Scrapbook/Bulletin Board in Church
8. Outside Information Board
9. Fatima Shrine Clean-up: Continually maintain our Fatima Shrine by weeding, leaf raking and basic clean-up.
10. Welcome Committee: Prepare Baptism Bags and Welcome Envelopes
11. First Friday Adoration: Choose one hour during the day from 8:30am to 8:30pm on every First Friday to visit Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.
12. Classroom Aide/Child Care -Sunday Mornings- 8:45-9:45am
13. Pro-life Committee: Life Chain - Sunday, October 2 - Phillipsburg, NJ, Help with Baby Shower for Life Choices
14. Vacation Bible School: Group Leader/Helper- July

St. Rose of Lima Ministry Commitment-October 17

After much thought about where I would like to offer my gifts to our Parish Community, I have decided to choose the following Parish Ministry:

I understand that by committing myself to this ministry, I accept the responsibility to serve as I help to build up the Community of St. Rose of Lima.

Candidate's Name-Please Print

Candidate's Signature and Date

As parent of the Candidate, I recognize the importance of serving our parish and agree to help my child to complete his/her chosen ministry.

Parent's Signature and Date

Sponsor Name and Address Form - November 21

Candidate:

Name _____

Sponsor:

Mr., Mrs., Miss., Ms. (please circle one and print clearly)

First Name _____

Last Name _____

Address _____

Please see the guidelines below from the Canon Law of the Catholic Church regarding sponsor eligibility to help in selecting your Confirmation Sponsor.

CHAPTER IV - SPONSORS

Can. 892 – Insofar as possible, there is to be a sponsor for the person to be confirmed; the sponsor is to take care that the confirmed person behaves as a true witness of Christ and faithfully fulfills the obligations inherent in this sacrament.

Can. 893

#1 – To perform the function of sponsor, a person must fulfill the conditions mentioned in Can. 874. (see below)

#2 – It is desirable to choose as sponsor the one who undertook the same function in baptism.

Can. 874

- have completed the sixteenth year of age, unless diocesan bishop has established another age, or the pastor or minister has granted an exception for a just cause
- be a Catholic who has been confirmed and has already received the most holy sacrament of the Eucharist and who leads a life of faith in keeping with the function to be taken on
- not be bound by any canonical penalty legitimately imposed or declared
i.e. Married outside the Catholic Church
- not be the father or mother of the one to be confirmed

Confirmation Name/Saint Selection

January 23

When you are presented for Confirmation, the Bishop will ask for your name. You may use your Baptismal name or you may choose another name. If another name is chosen, it should be that of a saint or someone who has been declared "Blessed" by the Church. This person's life should have a special meaning and express something of what you hope to become as an adult.

A Confirmation name should be a meaningful one which reminds the candidate of his/her call to holiness. It should not be chosen because it sounds nice or is a popular secular name.

After much thought and reflection, I, _____
have chosen the following name to be presented to the Bishop when I receive my Sacrament of Confirmation. I understand that I can use my Baptismal name or I can choose the name of a Saint whom I admire and would like to emulate in my life.

The name/saint I have chosen is:

Confirmation Saint Biography and Prayer

February 6

Now that you have chosen your Confirmation Name/Saint, please write a short biography of your Saint's life. Include a picture and tell why you chose this saint. Please tell what Gift of the Holy Spirit he/she possessed. Also, please write a short prayer to your saint that you can pray daily.

Prayer Example: Dear Saint Paul, you were converted to Christianity while on your way to Damascus. You put your old ways behind you and had the courage to say you were wrong. In the beginning, many people did not believe you had changed. You spent the rest of your life speaking in the name of the Lord. Your struggles helped many people become Christians. Help me to have the courage to speak about Jesus even when I am surrounded by unbelievers. Amen.

If you are in need of resources, you may borrow materials from the office. The internet is a great source of information.

Search: Catholic Saints

Websites: www.Catholic.org/saints
www.CatholicForum.com/images