

Saint Patrick's Church Whole Parish Catechesis

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Rite of Confirmation Packet & Contract Eighth Grade Students 2009/2010

"Young pilgrims, Christ needs you to enlighten the world and to show it the 'path to life' (Ps 16)... Place your intelligence, your talents, your enthusiasm, your compassion, and your fortitude at the service of life... The Church needs your energies, your enthusiasm, your youthful ideals, in order to make the Gospel of life penetrate the fabric of society, transforming people's hearts and the structures of society in order to create a civilization of true justice and love." Pope John Paul II, World Youth Day in Denver

Confirmation Team

Mr. Dan Menza

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Schedule of Assemblies and Events 2009/2010

WPC Assemblies

All Assemblies meet on Tuesdays from 6:00 - 8:00

Parents and candidates are required to attend. Only one unexcused absence is allowed.

There are no excused absences for sports. Sponsors are invited to attend.

**October 6 & 20, November 17, December 15, January 19, February 16,
March 16 & 30 (Living Stations Event Session), April 13**

The Mass of Commitment *Parents, Candidates and Sponsors need to attend*

October 25th at the 11:00 Mass for 8th gr. only

Candidates meet in parish center at 10:00 Candidates are required to be dressed appropriately. Appropriate dress means: no jeans, no tee shirts, no sneakers, no flip flops or crocs. Boys should wear dress slacks, dress shoes and a dress shirt with a tie. Girls should wear dress slacks and a blouse, a dress or a skirt and blouse and dress shoes. Skirt lengths should be at the knee or longer.

Sponsor/Candidate Event

Immediately following the Mass of Commitment, sponsors and candidates will participate in a mini-retreat. This will be the only time sponsors will be required to attend in addition to the day of Confirmation. The purpose of this retreat is to affirm the role of the sponsor and his/her relationship to the candidate.

Event Sessions

There are approximately 18 Event Sessions on the calendar. Your attendance is required at the following: All WPC sessions listed above, Church Yard Sale:10/3, Apple Picking:10/18, Diocesan Youth Day:2/27, Sexuality with Pam Stanzel:3/24. You may choose among the other events. By the end of May you must have completed 8 event sessions to be on track for Confirmation Preparation. If you complete less than 8 you may remain in Confirmation Preparation but will be confirmed after gr. 8. (a minimum of 5 Event Sessions is required to be actively working toward being confirmed)

Event Sessions for 2009 - 2010

Sept. 12: Victorian Tea @ St. Pats

Oct. 3: Church Yard Sale - rqd.

Oct. 31: Trunk or Treat

Dec. 5: Child Care 4/Shopping Parents

Dec. 12: Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

Jan 26: Stewardship thru Fire Co

Feb. 27: Diocesan Yth Day Retreat - rqd.

Oct. 18: Apple Picking - rqd

Nov. 22: Thanksgiving Food Drive

Dec. 6/13: Christmas Boutique

Jan. 10: Diaper Drive for Charity

Feb. 7: Woodworking Family Night

Mar. 24: Sexuality w/Pam Stanzel - rqd.

Apr. 10?: Town Litter Clean Up
May 2: Country View Yard Work
July 10: Car Wash

Apr. 18 : SEEDS Program
May ? : NJ Cath. Youth Rally @ GA
Aug. 22: Coat Drive

Confirmation Practice and Confirmation

*The dates will be announced as soon as the Diocese assigns a date for Confirmation..
Practice is usually scheduled for the previous Sunday.*

Requirements To Be Handed In:

Confirmation Contract: Due October 6th

This contract is to be completed and signed by both parent and candidate.

Event Session Registration Form: Due October 6th

Confirmation Name Selection Sheet: Due October 6th

Sponsor Name and Address Form: Due October 6th

Letter of Intent to Father Rick: Due October 6th

Sponsor Eligibility Certificates: Due October 6th

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.

Confirmation Banner: Due January 19th

Each Candidate is responsible for creating a felt banner for Confirmation. The banner should contain the Confirmation name that the candidate is taking. Along with the name should be a picture or symbol depicting what the Saint of that name is known for. The banner could also contain a phrase that would depict the chosen saint.

Banners should be made of felt. They should be no smaller than 15" x 15". They must be mounted with a rod at the top edge. If these specifications are not met the banner will be returned to be corrected. *Please be sure to write the candidates name on the back of the banner. More directions will follow in assembly.*

Certificates of Attendance: May 30th

Each time a candidate attends a WPC or Event session, they will receive a Certificate of Attendance at the end of the session. The candidate is responsible for collecting and keeping all attendance certificates as proof of successfully completing each session. At the end of the year all certificates must be handed in to the WPC office. In order to have completed the

attendance requirements the candidate must hand in a total of 17 certificates. The certificates should be as follows: 9 WPC sessions, 1 apple picking, 1 yard sale, 1 Diocesan Youth Day, 1 Sexuality w/ Pam Stanzel, 4 additional certificates for events of your choice.

Interim Reports

Interim reports will be provided to each candidate on Feb. 16th. These reports will indicate what has been completed (to date) and what is still required of the candidate in order to receive the sacrament in the spring of 2010.

Required Ministry Participation

All candidates are required to participate in one church ministry for each year they are involved in preparing for Confirmation. The following is a list of ministries available to the candidates.

- Altar Serving
 - To be trained as, and participate in the Mass as an Altar Server. Participation would be dictated by the current roster and Mass schedule.
- Lectors
 - To be trained as, and participate in the Mass as a Lector. Participation would be dictated by the current roster and Mass schedule.
- Greeters at Mass
 - To be trained as, and participate in the Mass as a Greeter. Participation would be dictated by the current roster and Mass schedule. Greeters would be expected to stand outside and open the church doors and welcome incoming parishioners. In addition, during the Mass the greeter would offer the sign of peace, going up the center aisle and then control the flow of traffic going up to the altar for Communion.
- Sunday WPC Classroom Aides (6 only)
 - To work as a student classroom aide. Completing tasks in the primary grades as assigned by the Catechists. Attendance is dictated by the Sunday WPC schedule.
- Parish Hospitality Corps
 - To work with the current Hospitality Corps that provides Coffee and, Family night dinner set up, any other Church function requiring set up, clean up for food and fellowship events.

- Tuesday WPC Child Care (2 only w/parent)
 - Under the guidance of the PCLs, Child Care Workers would coordinate, plan, develop and provide activities for young children during Tuesday WPC evenings. This occurs once a month when candidates are not in class.
- Children's Mass Project Aides (2 only)
 - To work as a student project aide. Completing tasks for the Children's Mass Project portion. These tasks to be assigned by the Adult Leaders.
- Liturgical Cantor
 - To be trained as a liturgical cantor and then to lead the congregation in song during the Celebration of the Mass. Schedule to be dictated by either assignment to the Children's Mass or Contemporary Music Mass.
- Youth Newsletter
 - To work as a team, with adult guidance, to create and publish a monthly newsletter for the youth of the parish.
- Parish Event Photographer
 - To attend church functions for the purpose of documenting them on film. Then to publish the photos on the Church and/or WPC websites and to place them in the bulletin and/or youth newsletter.
- Jr. Altar Rosary Society
 - To enroll in, attend meetings and participate in Church functions sponsored by the Altar Rosary Society.
- Jr. Holy Name Society
 - To enroll in, attend meetings and participate in Church functions sponsored by the Holy Name Society. (boys only)
- Bi-Monthly Adoration Coordinators
 - Under the supervision of Fr. Andrew these coordinators would plan and execute Bi-Monthly Adorations for the parish community. (to provide music, readings, prayers, etc.)
- Contemporary Worship Mass: Band/Choir
 - To join the current Contemporary Worship Mass Band and/or choir. This involves one practice and one Mass per month, in addition to certain special Masses.

Confirmation Preparation Event/Ministry Registration Form

Please indicate below in which events you choose to participate for 2009-2010

Indicate your choices by marking the line next to the listed event. We have marked the boxes for the mandatory events. Please choose 4 more events.

Name: _____

Due: No Later than October 6th

- ____ Sept. 12/13: Victorian Tea
- Oct. 3: Church Yard Sale - mandatory
- Oct. 18: Apple Picking - mandatory
- ____ Oct. 31: Trunk or Treat
- ____ Nov. 22: Thanksgiving Food Drive
- ____ Dec. 5: Child Care 4/Shopping Parents
- ____ Dec. 6/13: Christmas Boutique
- ____ Dec. 12: Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe
- ____ Jan. 10: Diaper Drive for Life Choices
- ____ Jan. 26: Stewardship through Volunteerism @ Fire Co.
- ____ Feb. 7: Woodworking For Family Night
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- Mar. 24: Sexuality w/ Pam Stanzel - mandatory
- ____ Apr. 10?: Town Litter Clean Up
- ____ Apr. 18: SEEDS Program on Disabilities
- ____ May 2: Country View Yard Work
- ____ May 16: NJ Catholic Youth Rally .

All events above will certify candidate eligibility for Confirmation in the Spring of 2010. Events listed below are for candidates who are not ready to receive the sacrament and need to continue with the preparation process.

- ____ July 10: Car Wash
- ____ Aug. 22: Coat Drive

I choose to participate in the following ministry:

1st choice _____

2nd choice _____

3rd choice _____

**Confirmation Preparation Contract
To Be Signed and Handed in before leaving Orientation
August 25, 2009**

1. Candidates must attend Mass every Sunday and Holy Day of Obligation. They will be required to attend the Mass of Commitment on the designated date at Saint Patrick's Church. Parents and Sponsors should also be in attendance.
2. Candidates/Parents must attend 9 WPC assembly sessions. Any absence must be justified and made up by attending a make-up event. Abuse of the attendance policy will result in removal from the program.
3. All class requirements/assignments must be submitted on time.
4. Candidates must attend a total of 8 event sessions including 4 that are mandatory and 4 chosen by candidate, in order to receive the sacrament in 2010.
5. Candidates must pre-register for event sessions by handing in the required registration form by Oct. 6th.
6. Candidates must participate in no less than 1 parish ministry during each year of Confirmation Preparation.

Candidate Signature

Parent Signature

Date

Date

The above signatures indicate full knowledge and agreement to all of the responsibilities set out by Saint Patrick's Church for the preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation.