



Saint George Church
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Dear Freshman Confirmation Students and Parents,

Welcome to our High School Religious Education Program. For the next two years we will be working with you in preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation. The program will include a regular schedule of classes, participation in volunteer service work, and various retreat experiences.

On Monday, **October 23rd** there will be a Mass and meeting for **all 9th grade students AND their parents** at 7:00PM in the Church. After Mass we will outline the two-year program, which will help to prepare our young people for the Sacrament of Confirmation. The requirements for successful completion of the program will be reviewed, and we will be available to answer any questions you might have. Please note that this evening counts as a class for all students.

It is ESSENTIAL that students and at least one parent attend.

As you may know, the culminating event for the 9th Grade Confirmation Class is a retreat here at St. George Church. We ask that at least one parent attend with their student. The date and time will be finalized shortly and it is very important that each student attend the retreat in its entirety.

Enclosed you will find a brief outline of the program, the schedule of Confirmation classes for the entire year, the Confirmation Covenant, and the Baptismal Information sheet. Please bring the completed Baptismal Information sheet and the signed Confirmation Covenant with you on October 23rd.

We look forward to working with our young people and are thankful to have the opportunity to share in this very meaningful time in their lives. I look forward to seeing you at the Mass and meeting on October 23rd.

Sincerely,
Claire
Claire M. Nicholls
Director of Youth Ministry

The High School Religious Education Program of St. George Church is a two-year program in which we seek to prepare our young people for the Sacrament of Confirmation. There are several components to the program, and this will briefly outline them.

CLASSES: Classes meet on Monday evenings from 7-8:30 pm in the Fr. Sullivan center unless otherwise noted on the schedule (please see below schedule), and are generally scheduled on a weekly basis. This year there are six classes scheduled for fall session and six for the spring session.

Attendance: Students should make every attempt to attend all scheduled classes. If it is impossible to attend a class, call the Religious Education Office at 453-3496 x209 prior to class time. A maximum of two misses can be made up. More than two may jeopardize the successful completion of the program.

SERVICE HOURS: Each student is required to complete a minimum of **fifteen** hours of community service during the scheduled academic year each year of the program.

A minimum of five of the fifteen hours must be completed on one specific project of the student's choosing. The preliminary service report detailing their plan for this project is due on November 20th, 2023.

A final report will be due, along with a service sheet verifying the completion of all 15 required hours by March 18, 2024.

9th Grade Retreat: A one day retreat held on the premises of St. George Church.

SAINT GEORGE CHURCH

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Freshman Confirmation Class

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Confirmation Covenant

Due October 23, 2023

Please thoroughly read and discuss each item with your parents BEFORE you sign below, and return to me with the Baptismal Information Sheet on October 23rd at the opening Mass

- 1.) I understand that deciding to enter the Confirmation program is an important decision requiring study and participation
 - 2.) I will do my best to take this decision seriously and will participate and support my companions on this journey by asking questions and sharing my thoughts and opinions when asked. I will strive to be as truthful as possible in my words and in my actions.
 - 3.) I have been told about and understand that **two** retreats are required: a retreat in ninth grade and a retreat in tenth grade. I agree to meet this requirement. If a serious problem should arise with attending the retreat, I will talk this over with the Confirmation Director, Claire Nicholls, immediately, and we will solve the problem together.
 - 4.) I understand that all classes are from 7pm-8:30pm. I will make every effort to be on time and will remain in class until dismissed at 8:30pm. I realize that if I arrive late or leave early it may be counted as an absence.
 - 5.) I understand that if I am going to miss a class, I will need to inform Claire. Because of the importance of all classes, I also understand that if I miss two sessions, I will need to meet with Claire before I attend another session.
 - 6.) I have been informed of, understand, and agree to the service portion of the program.
 - 7.) I will do my best to pray every day to encourage my growth in and understanding of the Holy Spirit. Further, I will make every effort to participate in Mass each week. I understand that doing so will help me celebrate more fully the Sacrament of Confirmation.
 - 8.) I understand that the Confirmation preparation program is entered into voluntarily, and it is taken for granted that those who attend do so because they want to. I also understand that inappropriate behavior will not be tolerated. If, at any time my behavior is inappropriate, I understand that a notice will be sent home to inform my parents. A second instance will result in my being dropped from the program unless a meeting is arranged with all concerned, and a solution is found.
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Parent's Signature

Date

Candidate's Signature

Date

Print name

Print Name

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BAPTISMAL INFORMATION SHEET

Please complete this form neatly and thoroughly. All information must be accurate to be recorded in the Sacramental Record Book at St. George Church. Please attach a copy of your Baptismal Certificate only if you were not baptized at St. George Church or did not make your First Communion at St. George Church.

STUDENT NAME:

Last _____

First _____ (as it appears on Baptismal Certificate)

DATE AND PLACE OF BAPTISM: Church _____

Town _____

PLACE OF FIRST COMMUNION: Church _____

Town _____

If you were not baptized at St. George, or you did not receive your First Holy Communion here, you must attach a copy of your Baptismal Certificate (Please DO NOT attach the original.)

Home Address: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____

PARENTS: Father (First and Last) _____

Mother (First and Maiden) _____

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Freshman & Sophomore Schedule

*(Unless otherwise noted, all classes are held in the Father Sullivan Center
Mondays from 7:00-8:30pm)*

FIRST SEMESTER

10th GRADE

October 23rd

October 30th

November 13th

November 27th

December 4th

December 18th

Opening Mass & Meeting in Church (Students & Parents)

Joint Class for 9th & 10th grade in Church (Students & Parents)

Joint Class for 9th & 10th grade in Church (MASS FOR
STUDENTS, BUT PARENTS are welcome TO JOIN US)

9th GRADE

October 23rd

November 6th

November 20th

November 27th

December 11th

December 18th

SECOND SEMESTER

10th GRADE

January 8th

January 22nd

February 5th

February 26th

March 11th

March 25th

Joint Class for 9th & 10th Grade in Church (Students Only)

9th GRADE

January 8th

January 29th

February 12th

March 4th

March 18th

April 1st

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