

Family Handbook for Confirmation Preparation



Information and Directions

2011 Candidacy

Our Lady of Sorrows - St. Anthony Parish
Office of Religious Education
Mercerville, New Jersey 08619

Baptism, the Eucharist, and the sacrament of Confirmation together constitute the "sacraments of Christian initiation," whose unity must be safeguarded. It must be explained to the faithful that the reception of the sacrament of Confirmation is necessary for the completion of baptismal grace. For "by the sacrament of Confirmation, [the baptized] are more perfectly bound to the Church and are enriched with a special strength of the Holy Spirit. Hence they are, as true witnesses of Christ, more strictly obliged to spread and defend the faith by word and deed.

September, 2011

Dear Parents & Guardians;

This year is special for you and your family, and we congratulate you on this special spiritual journey. With the completion of seventh grade requirements your child has officially been accepted into Immediate Preparation for the reception of the holy sacrament of Confirmation in the fall of 2011. Confirmation is one of the first major stages of your child's faith journey.

You are the main spiritual examples and leaders in your child's life. We will work with you to build their faith and their relationship with God, with you, and with one another at church.

Preparation sessions for Confirmation are not only the teaching of faith basics; it is also application of those teachings to their relationships and long-term decisions and goals.

Be assured that we who serve you and your family in this ministry are here to support you in your role as your child's primary teacher in the ways of our Faith. We are here to help you in any way possible as catechists, teachers, staff members and fellow parishioners.

We desire to share with you and your child/children the Gospel message as clearly and vibrantly as possible.

Your children are special to us, and even more special in God's eyes.

We welcome your commitment in sending your children to us. We promise our dedication as we journey together with you and your family to be witnesses of the Gospel and to grow with our children as active vibrant members of the faith community.

Sincerely,

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Confirmation information

Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist are **Sacraments of Initiation** into the life of the Church. They are not isolated events or “holy inoculations.” They are sacred moments in the life of fully participating Catholics.

In **Baptism** we become a member of Christ’s body, the Church. In Baptism we are cleansed from original sin and any previous sin. The Church recognizes one Baptism for each person.

In **Confirmation** the Bishop or his representative anoints the Baptized Candidate with oil and confirms the Baptism. In many sections of the world confirmation precedes Eucharist.

When we receive the **Eucharist**, we receive Jesus who nourishes and forgives us in our Christian journey.

Mass is the **gathering** of the **People of God (the Church)**

...to **hear and reflect on God’s word and it’s meaning in our lives**

...to **receive Jesus**

...to be able to **bring Jesus to the world**

By asking the Church for Confirmation, you are acknowledging your active participation in the Sacramental life of the Church. Your openness to God’s grace and the gifts of the Holy Spirit aid you in your work of serving Jesus.

Adult Responsibilities

Parents are the primary educators of their children in matters of faith. School and Parish Religious Education programs assist parents in this responsibility.

The Parish Wishes to Reach out To Everyone

Confirmed young people continue to be strengthened in their Christian journey by taking part in Ministries for Youth, for prayer, and support. They grow spiritually through personal prayer, family prayer, Scripture reading and by following the Precepts of the Church.

Adults are invited to grow spiritually by taking part in adult programs of the Church and by seeking spiritual guidance through personal prayer, Scripture reading and following the Precepts of the Church. Adults who have not had the opportunity for Confirmation are invited to receive the Sacrament.

Common Questions about Confirmation

Why do different dioceses and parishes confirm at different ages?

In the early Church people were **Baptized** and **Anointed with Oil** at the same time by the Bishop when they were accepted into the Church community. Then they were invited to the **Eucharistic Celebration**. As the Church grew and the Bishops visited less frequently it was decided that the Presbyter (Priest) would **Baptize** with water and the Bishop would later **Confirm** by anointing the Baptized with oil during his visit. The initiated could receive the Eucharist. The practice of combining the three **Sacraments of Initiation** (Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist) in infancy takes place in Eastern Catholic and Orthodox churches today.

Over the years in the Roman Catholic Church, reception of Eucharist was delayed until the age of 14. In 1910, Pope Pius X moved the age of First Eucharist to age 7 but made no statement about the age of Confirmation. In many areas of the world, people continued to confirm at a later age. The Sacrament of Confirmation thus moved out of the original sequence.

In 1991 Pope John Paul II asked the Bishops of the United States to come up with a uniform age for the Sacrament of Confirmation. The U.S. asked Rome to allow Confirmation ages to remain 7-18 with the Bishop of each diocese making the decision.

Several U.S. dioceses have restored the order to the original sequence and now confirm before First Eucharist at the same mass.

Why does the candidate need a sponsor?

“From the earliest days of the Church, those seeking communion with the Church were supported and sponsored by specific people chosen from the community. At Baptism the significant people are our parents and Godparents (baptismal sponsors) who promise that we will be raised in the faith. They profess their faith because we can not speak for ourselves. Parents accept the responsibility of training the newly Baptized in the practice of the faith. Godparents promise to help the parents in their duties. In Confirmation the Baptized themselves will ...renew their Baptismal promises. They will be supported by a sponsor who will present them to the Bishop” {or his delegate} “for Confirmation.”

A sponsor should be:

- When possible the Candidate’s Godparent
- Someone who would support and encourage faith
- A Catholic who has received Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist
- A Catholic who participates in the Eucharistic celebration every Sunday and lives a good Catholic life

Why should we be confirmed?

Without Confirmation Christian initiation is incomplete. It is important to celebrate all three of the Sacraments of Initiation, Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. Together they bring us into full membership in the Church.

Can we get to heaven if we are not confirmed?

Confirmation is a Sacrament of Initiation that completes and perfects the Sacrament of Baptism. It is a free gift of the Holy Spirit to strengthen us in our Christian journey. It is neither a requirement nor a guarantee of getting to heaven. Going to heaven is the completion of a Christian journey involving prayer, worship and life choices. Living a sacramental life strengthens our relationship with God.

Does a Catholic have to be confirmed to get married?

The code of Canon Law (#1065) states that “Catholics who have not yet received the Sacrament of Confirmation are to receive it before being admitted to Marriage, if this can be done without grave inconvenience.” The simple answer is yes, but the code gives leeway for exceptions.

Do we have to be confirmed to be a Godparent?

To be a Godparent, a person needs to be a practicing Catholic and fully initiated (having received the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist).

Do we have to be regularly attending Church to be confirmed?

If you don't plan to take part in the faith life of the Church, why bother with Confirmation? Sacraments are moments of initiation into a worshipping community (Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist), moments of commitment to service (Holy Orders, Matrimony) and moments of healing (Reconciliation, Sacrament of Healing). Sacraments taken without intent to participate in the life of the Church miss the whole point of the Sacrament. Attending Sunday Mass is one of the Precepts of the Church. “The Sunday Eucharist is the foundation and confirmation of all Christian practice. For this reason the faithful are obliged to participate in the Eucharist on days of obligation, unless excused for a serious reason (illness, care of infants) or dispensed by the pastor. Those who deliberately fail in this obligation commit a grave sin.” CCC#2181

What is the purpose of parent meetings?

Parent meetings offer an opportunity to discuss practical matters such as schedules, to have questions answered about possible changes since we received Confirmation, and clarify our understanding about Catholic faith.

What happens if my child misses classes?

Attendances at all eight sessions are important. The classes are designed to set a tone of welcoming the Candidate into the life of the faith community. If a Candidate misses a class due to illness, please contact the Office of Religious Education to arrange a one-hour make-up meeting with candidates and parents. (Only serious illness is an acceptable reason to miss a class).

Confirmation Sponsor

Reminiscent of the early Church community, the Sponsor represents the faith community in welcoming and supporting the Candidate. The sponsor also symbolizes the support of the Body of Christ, leading the Candidate in a journey of discipleship. The sponsor joins the parents and Candidates in the Confirmation Preparation period. The most appropriate sponsor, if possible, is the Godparent. Sponsors must be confirmed, practicing, Catholics, at least 16 years of age.

The Role of the Confirmation Sponsor According to the Diocese of Trenton

Individual sponsors must be selected. A sponsor must be a person who knows the candidate and can be of assistance on his or her spiritual journey and can share their own faith. This selection should be indicated at the beginning of the candidate's preparation. Ideally, it should be someone who has already been involved in the spiritual formation of the candidate, such as godparents or a member of the local parish.

Opportunity for the inclusion of the sponsor should be provided during the candidate's immediate preparation program in order to enhance the Sponsor's role in the final rite. It is highly recommended that the sponsor be the baptismal Godparent, thus emphasizing more clearly the relationship between Baptism and Confirmation.

Sponsor Responsibilities & Role

Be at your Best

If you have been chosen to be a Confirmation sponsor, congratulations! This person sees in you a profound faith commitment, finds trust and knows you are someone who will care about them and their faith. Sounds impressive, doesn't it? It's not all that complicated, but it does take time, a caring heart and a listening ear. If you're a practicing, mature Catholic, don't get too worried. Here are a few suggestions on how to be the best possible sponsor for your candidate:

Be a living model of faith.

At least a part of what this young person admires in you is your faith! If the way you practice your faith is not what it should be, "get it together," so to speak! If you honestly can't, this is understandable, but maybe you should decline the invitation to be a sponsor. Your life doesn't have to become artificially saintly, but your faith should be authentic and sincere.

Pray for your candidate and yourself.

As candidates decide to be confirmed, they need spiritual strength. Your prayers for them are important, but don't forget to pray for yourself also, that you can share why you value and practice your Catholicism. Attend Mass together, or even have the courage to come to Reconciliation together.

Give of your time and share your gifts.

You will be asked to spend time together on various activities. This may mean preparing lessons or even working on a Christian service project. You could also share your own experiences or write a letter of encouragement. Let your unique God-given talents and gifts shine! Offer a gift of spiritual significance—a new Bible, rosary or book about our faith or about the saint the candidate has chosen for a Confirmation name—but *be creative and relevant!*

Don't miss the ceremony.

Participating in the ceremony is the easiest part of being a sponsor. Your basic job will be to place your hand on your candidate's shoulder, and tell the bishop your candidate's Confirmation name. You're there to be a support, but your role on Confirmation day is only beginning.

Don't forget this newly confirmed Catholic.

After Confirmation day, remember birthdays and this anniversary. Send a card or make a phone call. Continue to worship together, or from time to time do some Christian service. Put those "Gifts of the Spirit" into practice.

Requesting the Sacrament

You are free to respond to God's call to live your faith more deeply – to worship witness and serve as a confirmed Christian. If you wish to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in November, you must write to Msgr. Gervasio stating your desire. Follow these guidelines. Be sure to use scrap paper for your first draft.

Guideline for Confirmation Letter of Intent to Rev. Msgr. Thomas Gervasio

All the candidates will write a letter to the Pastor, Monsignor Thomas Gervasio.

Before the celebration of Confirmation, the pastor is required by Canon Law to know that candidates are being properly prepared. He should also know that you have a desire for and knowledge of the sacrament. To help Msgr. Gervasio meet this responsibility, we ask you to write a letter to him. The letter is to address at least two basic questions:

1. "What does Confirmation mean to you?" In your own words, write one or two paragraphs explaining what the sacrament of Confirmation means to you.
2. "Why do you want to receive the sacrament of Confirmation?" Again, in your own words, you are to state in one or two paragraphs why you feel you are ready to celebrate this sacrament.

Sample Aid for Confirmation Letter of Intent

Be creative in your letter to him!

This should be computer generated.

Dear Msgr. Thomas Gervasio,

- q I am (introduce yourself; tell a little about your family.) ...
- q I want to receive the sacrament of Confirmation because... (Respectfully request the Sacrament.

- q To me, the sacrament of Confirmation means...
- q Explain how you have prepared for the Sacrament of Confirmation. It is important that you identify specific parts of your preparation; Your prayer life etc...
- q The Confirmation name I have chosen is... because...
- q I have asked ... to be my sponsor because...
- q I know that the 7 gifts of the Holy Spirit will be sealed and strengthened in me at the celebration of Confirmation, and that they will help me to bear witness to the gospel of Jesus and to join in building up the Church. I wish to share in that work in a special way by....

Sincerely, (or closing of
your choice)
(Full Name of Candidate)

*Your letter is due by September 28th 2011 please place your letter in an envelope and address it to Msgr. Thomas Gervasio, c/o the Office of Religious Education.

ADDITIONAL NOTES ABOUT THE LETTER TO Msgr. Thomas Gervasio

1. Your letter will be forwarded to the Pastor. He will reply to each candidate and will discuss it directly with you.
2. Be sure that your spelling is correct. Check your sentence structure, grammar and punctuation. Avoid erasures. Remember to whom you are addressing this letter! Any letter which is messy, incomplete or with grammatical or punctuation errors will be returned to you to be re-written.
3. Print your entire letter. Do not write in cursive! Typing or computer print is acceptable.

“A candidate for Confirmation who has attained the age of reason must profess the faith, be in the state of grace, have intention of receiving the Sacrament, and be prepared to assume the role of disciple and witness to Christ, both within the ecclesial (Church) community and in temporal affairs.” (Catechism of the Catholic Church #1319)

Confirmation retreat 2011

ALL Confirmation candidates are expected to participate in the Confirmation Retreat experience offered on October 2nd, and 9th, 2011. This opportunity to grow in faith, pray in community and develop a deeper sense of spirituality is offered as another means of preparing the candidates for this final Sacrament of Initiation.

ALL students, from both the Religious Education Program and Our Lady of Sorrows Elementary School are directed to determine from the schedule below which retreat they must attend. Each retreat is limited in the number of students who may be accommodated. Retreat will take place at Our lady of Sorrows school. Comfortable (and appropriate!) clothes may be worn. Please wear rubber bottomed shoes or sneakers. Lunch will be provided for the students.

Retreat A

Saturday

October 01, 2011

9:00AM - 1:00PM

All students whose last Names begin with the letters **A-L** inclusive are expected to be in attendance at this Retreat.

Retreat B

Saturday

October 08, 2011

9:00AM- 1:00PM

All students whose last names begin with the letters **M-Z** inclusive are expected to be in attendance at this Retreat

The Gifts of the Holy Spirit

During the Confirmation ceremony the Bishop, or his designated representative, will extend his hands over all of the candidates and pray:

“All powerful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, by water and the Holy Spirit, you freed your sons and daughters from Sin and gave Them new life. Send your Holy Spirit upon them to be their Helper and Guide. Give them the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and courage, the spirit of knowledge and reverence. Fill them with the spirit of wonder and awe in your presence. We ask this through Christ our Lord.” (Rite of Confirmation No.25)

Complete the page found in your information booklet by describing how each Gift of the Holy Spirit will **specifically help you** to live your Christian life. If you have already experienced a way in which the Holy Spirit helped in your life and you recognize that it was a specific Gift then you may tell about that experience. Short definitions are included here to help you:

Gift of the Spirit	Description
WISDOM	The opposite of narrow-mindedness, ability to see the whole picture; possessing vision and good judgment
UNDERSTANDING	Heart-knowledge; requires great sensitivity to one's own and others feelings/life experiences
COURAGE	Sometimes called fortitude – the ability to live up to one's decisions no matter what obstacles arise – having integrity
COUNSEL	Ability to make good decisions; commitment to doing research needed to make a qualified decision – involves head and heart
KNOWLEDGE	The gift of thinking clearly, intelligently and perceptively, in particularly in regard to faith
REVERENCE (PIETY)	The ability to value what is sacred; respecting life and all that sustains it; treating all creation with tenderness, care and respect
WONDER AND AWE IN GOD'S PRESENCE	Recognizing that we are always in the presence of God; that we are never apart from our awesome God who loves us unconditionally. Seeing all life as a gift given by God

Gift of the Holy Spirit with Scripture references

Knowledge

Ephesians 3:17-19

That Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, rooted and grounded in love, may have strength to comprehend with all the holy ones what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses **knowledge**, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Understanding

1 Kings 2, 10-11

The Lord was pleased that Solomon made this request. So God said to him: Because you have asked for this- not for a long life for yourself, nor for riches, nor for the life of your enemies, but for **understanding** so that you may know what is right- I do as you requested. I give you a heart so wise and understanding that there has never been anyone like you up to now, and after you there will come no one to equal you.

Wisdom

Ephesians 1:15-19

Therefore, I, too, hearing of your faith in the Lord Jesus and of your love for all the holy ones, do not cease giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayer, that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a Spirit of **wisdom** and revelation resulting in knowledge of him. May the eyes of your hearts be enlightened, that you may know what is the hope that belongs to his call, what are the riches of glory in his inheritance among the holy ones.

Right Judgment

1 Thessalonians 5: 18-22

In all circumstances give thanks, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise prophetic utterances. Test everything; retain what is good. Refrain from every kind of evil.

Courage

Joshua 1:8-9

Keep this book of the law on your lips. Recite it by day and by night that you may observe carefully all that is written in it; then you will successfully attain your goal. I command you: be firm and steadfast! Do not fear nor be dismayed, for the Lord, your God, is with you wherever you go.

Reverence

Roman 8:14-16

For those who are led by the Spirit of God are Children of God. For you did not receive a Spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you received a Spirit of adoption, through which we cry, Abba, Father! The Spirit itself bears witness with our Spirit that we are children of God.

Awe and Wonder

Psalm 33:8-9

Let all the earth fear the Lord;

Let all who dwell in the world show reverence.

For He spoke, and it came to be, commanded, and it stood in place.

Parental Responsibilities:



Parental responsibilities as they pertain to the preparation of their children for the Sacrament of Confirmation include:

- ✓ Parents are the primary educators of their children
- ✓ Parents are responsible for initiating their children into the sacramental life
- ✓ Parents serve as models for their children by being committed Christians
- ✓ Parents worship with their families regularly
- ✓ Parents nurture their child in faith
- ✓ Parents should encourage their children to reflect on and thoughtfully consider the decision to receive the sacrament of Confirmation
- ✓ Parents are expected to attend meetings, programs, and prayer services that are planned to help their children prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation
- ✓ Parents are asked to assist their children with immediate preparations for the sacrament of Confirmation through prayer, study, and Christian service
- ✓ Parents can emphasize the importance of the sacrament of Confirmation by taking an active part in the celebration of Confirmation
- ✓ Parents should stress the initiation aspect of the sacrament by encouraging their children to continue learning more about their faith
- ✓ Parents should help their child in understanding that the Confirmation service projects were just the beginning of a life committed to Christian service as a practicing Catholic

Candidates preparing for Confirmation

The following represent guidelines for Candidates to consider as they are preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation:

- ✓ *Are you freely choosing to be confirmed?*
- ✓ *Have you made your decision known?*
- ✓ *Are you in a state of grace?*
- ✓ *Do you have adequate knowledge of the Catholic faith?*
- ✓ *Have you participated in all the required activities?*
- ✓ *Are you practicing your faith every day?*
- ✓ *Are you attending weekly Mass?*
- ✓ *Are you receiving Reconciliation and Eucharist regularly?*
- ✓ *Have you completed all the required study, forms and service projects?*
- ✓ *Are you aware of the initiation aspect of this Sacrament?*
- ✓ *Are you ready to continue the faithful practice and study of your religion?*
- ✓ *Are you willing to participate in prayer, worship, interviews, retreats, Reconciliation service and practices?*
- ✓ *Do you feel you have put forth your best effort in preparing for this sacrament?*

The Effects of Confirmation

As explained in the Catechism of the Catholic Church

1302. It is evident from its celebration that the effect of the Sacrament of Confirmation is the full outpouring of the Holy Spirit as once granted to the apostles on the day of Pentecost.
1303. From this fact, Confirmation brings an increase and deepening of baptismal grace:
- It roots us more deeply in the divine filiations which makes us cry, "Abba Father"
 - __It unites us more firmly to Christ;
 - __It increases the gifts of the Holy Spirit in us;
 - __It renders our bond with the Church more perfect;
 - __It gives us a special strength of the Holy Spirit to spread and defend the faith by word and action as true witnesses of Christ, to confess the name of Christ boldly, and never to be ashamed of the Cross:

Recall then that you have received the spiritual seal, the spirit of wisdom, and understanding, the spirit of right judgment and courage, the spirit of knowledge and reverence, the spirit of holy fear in God's presence. Guard what you have received. God the Father has marked you with his sign; Christ, the Lord has confirmed you and has placed his pledge, the Spirit, in your hearts.

1304. Like Baptism, which it completes, Confirmation is given only once, for it too imprints on the soul an *indelible spiritual mark*, the "character" which is a sign that Jesus Christ has marked a Christian with the seal of his spirit by clothing with power from on high so that he may be his witness.
1305. This "character" perfects the common priesthood of the faithful, received in Baptism, and "the confirmed person receives the power to profess faith in Christ publicly and as it were officially (*quasi ex officio*)."

Catechism of the Catholic Church
(William H. Sadlier, Inc: New York, NY)
1994, page 330.



Everything you wanted to know about the Celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation

Attire for the Confirmation Celebration

You will receive the gown for the Confirmation Celebration. You can keep that gown because we have bought it for you to keep as a remembrance of your Confirmation.

Young Women:

- Ø Dress that is tasteful in design and style
- Ø Skirt and blouse
- Ø Pant Suit

Young Men:

- Ø Khaki or dark colored pants (no jeans)
- Ø Dress shirt and tie
- Ø Dress shoes and socks
- Ø Jacket is optional

Liturgy Assistants

Family members are invited to contact the Religious Education Office (587-4140 x2) if they would be interested in assisting in any of the following ways at the Celebration of Confirmation **Mass:**

- Ø Altar servers (younger siblings with serving experience);
- Ø Lector
- Ø Eucharistic Minister (if you are a commissioned in this parish of Our Lady of Sorrows - St. Anthony)
- Ø Please contact the office no later than first week of October.

Photography|Video Taping

There will be no photographs or videotaping permitted during the Confirmation as this is distracting and it takes away from the sanctity of the sacrament. After mass, all are invited to take photos. We have contracted with a photographer/videographer from whom you may purchase pictures. We will provide you the forms and other details for photographer and video. Please deal with them directly. They will mail your photos and video to your home. Please inform your family & guests that there will be no picture taking or videotaping during the Confirmation ceremony.

Tickets

it will be necessary for the families to know that seating at Confirmation will be on a first come, first serve basis. You will receive **5 tickets for your family**. This year we have a large number of young people (110 to be exact), receiving the Sacrament. We will provide tickets for the **Sponsor**. The family tickets will be distributed to the candidates on November 11th during the second practice.

Candidates and Sponsors

On the day of Confirmation, Candidates & their Sponsors are to arrive no later than 9:45 AM. The Candidates will go down stairs and sponsors will come into the Church. We are asking that other family members do not arrive earlier than **10:00AM.** **Please use only the main door for the entrance.**

Confirmation Certificates

All Candidates will be issued a certificate, embossed with the church seal. The newly confirmed will receive these certificates when they have gathered for the photos after the ceremony. Please go to your class table to receive your certificate. Most Rev. John M. Smith Celebrant will remain in the Church hall down stairs after the ceremony so that families may take photos with him. Please be sure to take this certificate home and place it in a safe location for future reference.

Confirmation Book

This year we will be using the RCL Confirmation book for the preparation of confirmation. **RCL's Confirmation** allows young people to experience God through ritual, creating a powerful atmosphere in which to reflect on the eight aspects of the Confirmation rite. Each session is designed to assist young people on their faith journey and to help candidates become better and active disciples of Jesus Christ. Parents please see the activities for the families in the attachment or you can also use the web site www.faithfirst.com



Calendar of Required Events 2011

8th grade Confirmation Candidates

Sponsor & Candidates Meeting Both Groups Msgr. Thomas Gervasio, Presenter	September 6, 2011 6:00 -7:00 pm	Our Lady of Sorrows Church If sponsor cannot attend, a parent should accompany the candidate.
Parents' Meeting Both Groups Msgr. Thomas Gervasio, Presenter	September 14, 2011 6:00-7:00 pm	Our Lady of Sorrows Church Hall
Retreat: Group A	October 1, 2011 9:00am-1:00 pm	Our Lady of Sorrows School Cafeteria & Gymnasium
Retreat: Group B	October 8, 2011 9:00 am-1:00pm	Our Lady of Sorrows School Cafeteria & Gymnasium
Penance Service	November 2, 2011 6:00 pm	Our Lady of Sorrows Church
Confirmation Practice I All Candidates	November 7, 2011 6:00 -7:30 pm	St. Anthony Church
Confirmation Practice II All Candidates Attendance of parent or sponsor is Mandatory	November 9, 2011 6:00-8:00 pm	St. Anthony Church
Confirmation Liturgy Most Rev. John M. Smith, Celebrant	November 12, 2011 10:30 am	St. Anthony Church

There are two Retreat Groups:

Group A: Candidates with last names beginning with letter A-L

Group B: Candidates with last names beginning with letter M-Z

Gifts of the Holy Spirit

The Gifts of the Holy Spirit, given at Confirmation help Christians live their lives more fully committed to Christ.

These gifts are:

Wisdom
Understanding
Counsel
Fortitude
Knowledge
Piety
Reverence for God

Fruits of the Holy Spirit

Confirmation brings gifts of the Holy Spirit. There is evidence of these gifts which we call the fruits of the Holy Spirit.

These are:

Charity
Joy
Peace
Patience
Kindness
Goodness
Generosity
Gentleness
Faithfulness
Modesty
Self-control
Chastity



