



Prince of Peace

PARISH

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Dear Parents,

The Confirmation preparation program is an important part of our parish's efforts to provide for the spiritual development of our youth. Our parish program is a well-rounded and traditionally Catholic experience of catechesis, service, social and spiritual opportunities, all as part and parcel of this preparation. Faith is something we live every day of our lives and we intend to focus on this process of living out the Gospel call Jesus extends to all of us: "Come follow me!" We provide a sound doctrinal and scriptural base as we prepare our youth to live as adult Catholics in today's Church. Our youth are of great value to the Parish Family of Prince of Peace.

Classes will be on 12 designated Sundays beginning with the 10:00 AM Mass at St. Teresa of Avila Church followed by class from 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM in Seidel Hall. A Parent Volunteer will be needed for each of these 12 classes. Before our regular classes begin on Sunday, September 26th, there are additional events that will take place. There will be a MEET & GREET with your child's catechist on Sunday, August 29th after the 10:00 AM Mass in Seidel Hall at St. Teresa of Avila Church. We will begin our year of preparation with the youth at a Kerygma Retreat on Sunday, September 19 at Trinita in New Hartford. A permission slip is attached that must be returned to me ASAP. There will be a Parent/ Student Orientation on Monday September 13th at 7:00PM on Google Meet. You will receive two email invitations to this, the first with the link to join the GOOGLE MEET and the second with all the attachments pertaining to everything we will cover at the Orientation. There is a Confirmation Parent/Student Workshop on Saturday, September 25th at the Church of the Nativity in Fr. Shellman Hall. The Workshop is available from 8:00 AM – 2:00 PM. For this Workshop please plan to spend 2 hours in order to complete the workshop. You may come anytime between the hours of 8:00 AM and 2:00 PM. You may even leave and return. The materials received at the Orientation and the shared experience with your child at the Workshop will greatly enhance your family's appreciation and understanding of the sacrament.

Passing on our faith to our children is an awesome responsibility, but God gives parents all the grace we need to raise our children to know and love Him. One of the best ways to teach our children our faith is through the sharing of our own experiences and by the example we set for them, and most importantly our weekly participation in Sunday Liturgy as a family. Each week at Mass we experience God's mercy and forgiveness during the Penitential Rite; we hear the important truths of Scripture that have been passed down to us, guiding us in our faith. We are nourished in the Eucharist, our Family meal, and we are dismissed and sent forth to live what Christ has taught us.

It is our privilege to assist you, your child's first witness to their faith, as you prepare them for the Sacrament of Confirmation, the completion of Baptism, and full initiation into our faith community. As always, if you have a question please call me at 203-263-2008x11.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Carol Moriarty
Director of Religious Education