

Our Lady of Sorrows Church

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Dear Confirmation Parents,

Your child is on our list of confirmation candidates for 2018. We will be celebrating Confirmation at St. Peter in Chains Cathedral on Sunday, March 3rd. **Please complete and return the enclosed forms so that we can complete the program for this celebration and our sacramental records. Return it to the parish office by Sunday, January 6.**

Confirmation prep at Our Lady of Sorrows is divided into three components: catechesis, service, and a spiritual retreat. Please make sure these Confirmation prep dates are on your family calendar:

- “ On Sunday, October 14 from 9:00-10:00 AM we will host a meeting in church for parents only. At least one parent or guardian for each Confirmation candidate should plan to attend. Students will be in class during this time.
- “ On Sunday, October 21 Dr. Andrew Sodergren from Ruah Woods will speak at OLOS. Parents whose students are making sacraments this year, and highly encouraged to attend this presentation. More details to come later!
- “ On Wednesday, October 26 from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm, Fr. Stephen will conduct a “Learning Mass” in Church for Confirmation candidates and their families.
- “ On Friday, November 16 at 7:00 pm we have planned our Confirmation Prep Meeting #2 for candidates and parents. Families will pack and pick up baskets for delivery over the weekend. Confirmation sponsors are welcome to attend as well. We will begin with Evening Prayer.
- “ On Sunday, November 18 from 9:00-10:15 AM, author Beth Gully will present to all PSR classes. Parents and grandparents are welcome to attend this as well. Later, we will have a parish-wide Thanksgiving Potluck celebration!
- “ On Saturday, December 15 at 9:00 am candidates and their families will pick up Christmas presents from our Giving Tree for delivery. We will begin with Morning Prayer. Confirmation sponsors are welcome to attend.
- “ On Sunday, January 13 Confirmation students and their families will meet at the Cathedral for the 11:00 AM Mass. Afterwards, there is a tour of the Cathedral offered that should last from Noon-1:00 pm. Every student should have at least one parent in attendance. Confirmation sponsors are welcome to attend as well.
- “ On Saturday, February 9 from 9:00 am to 4:15 pm, NET Ministries will facilitate a Confirmation retreat in the PAC along with students from Holy Name and Holy Family Parishes and St. John XXIII School. Our 4:15 pm Mass will be in the PAC. *There is NO CLASS on Sunday, February 10.* During the retreat, there will be a small window of time offered for the sacrament of Reconciliation. Not all students will be able to go during this time, most likely. Please know that Reconciliation is offered every Saturday at OLOS from 3:45-4:00 pm or by appointment. Students should receive the sacrament of Reconciliation before their Confirmation.
- “ On Saturday, March 2, Confirmation rehearsal is at St. John's Church in Middletown from 9:00 am to 10:00 am. Candidates are required, and sponsors are welcome – we will need someone to be a “placeholder” for each candidate.
- “ On Sunday, March 3 at 2:00 pm we will celebrate the sacrament of Confirmation at the Cathedral. *There is NO CLASS on this day!*
- “ On March 8, the 7th and 8th grade classes will work the dessert table at the fish fry and provide the desserts as well. Please plan to help with this parish wide event.
- “ Please continue to send your child to PSR classes after the sacrament of Confirmation has been received. This will allow them to continue their exploration and learning about our faith and to further bond with their peers. The PSR classes conclude on Sunday, April 28.

If you have any questions, contact Chris in the parish office.
Your friends in Christ,



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Fr. Paul Gebhardt Pastor