

Our Lady of Sorrows Church

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Dear Confirmation Parents,

Your child is on our list of confirmation candidates for the **2025-2026** school year. We will be celebrating Confirmation at St. Peter in Chains Cathedral on Sunday, March 15 at 1:30pm. **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, November 23, 2025.**

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 26 from 9:15-9:45 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 Friday, November 21 at 6:00 pm candidates and their 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 in the church.
- On Sunday, December 7 from 6:00-8:00 pm, Confirmation students and their parents will gather in the Parish Hall. Confirmandi will creatively present their Confirmation Saint to parents and students. Confirmation sponsors are welcome to attend! (Light refreshments)
- On Saturday, December 20 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 in the PAC. Confirmation sponsors are welcome to attend.
- On Sunday, January 11 candidates 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 21** from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm, OLOS will facilitate a Confirmation retreat in the Parish Hall along with students from Holy Name and Holy Family Parishes. Our 4:00 pm Mass will be in the PAC. 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 3:00-3:30 pm **or by appointment**. Reconciliation is also offered on Wednesdays. Please see the bulletin for the schedule. **Students should receive the sacrament of Reconciliation BEFORE their Confirmation.** The entire family is invited to attend the retreat Mass.
- During the Lenten Season, 8th grade students and their families will work the dessert table. Date is TBD and will be announced before Lent begins.
- On Saturday, March 14, 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; Parents can be placeholders if the sponsor cannot attend.
- On Sunday, March 15th at 1:30pm we will celebrate the sacrament of Confirmation at the Cathedral. *There is NO CLASS on this day for PSR students!*
- Please continue to send your student 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, May 3rd.

Your friends in Christ,

Gene Haas, CRE



Fr. Paul Gebhardt Pastor