



# **CONFIRMATION 2019 - 2020**

## **HOLY NAME OF JESUS CATHOLIC CHURCH**

### **INVITATION**

We welcome you and your family to the HNJ Confirmation Program! At Holy Name of Jesus all high school teens (9th grade & above) are invited to begin the process of Sacramental Preparation for Confirmation. Teens who begin Confirmation Preparation in Fall 2019 will be confirmed in November 2020.

### **WHAT IS CONFIRMATION?**

Confirmation perfects the grace of Baptism. Baptism is the beginning of new life and Confirmation is the strengthening of new life. We receive the full outpouring of the Holy Spirit as once granted to the apostles on the day of Pentecost. Confirmation unites us more firmly to Christ and increases the gifts of the Holy Spirit in us.

### **WHY CONFIRMATION PREPARATION?**

The Confirmation Preparation process consists of various elements, which provide a framework for supporting youth and the parish as they grow as a faith community. The process includes opportunities for learning, service, and worship, which require sufficient time for growth, reflection, and maturation. The preparation time is essential to the process. Confirmation invites youth to life-long faith formation and to service in ministry. It is not a graduation from church! It is a beginning, not an end. We look forward to this journey as we explore and enrich our faith together by following Christ and being open to the Holy Spirit.

# CONFIRMATION REQUIREMENT EVENTS & ACTIVITIES 2019 - 2020

## MASS

Keep Holy the Sabbath

The Eucharistic Liturgy is the source and summit of our Catholic faith. Regular Mass attendance is vital to the spiritual growth of every Catholic. At weekly Mass, teens experience the depths of God's love through the Word, the community, and the Eucharist.

### Mass Times @ HNJ

Saturday Vigil Mass: 4:30 PM, Sunday: 7:15 AM, 8:45 AM, 10:30 AM, 12:15 PM, 5:00 PM

**Traveling for the weekend?** Visit [masstimes.org](http://masstimes.org) to find a Mass near you!

### Required Event: Teaching Mass - For Parents & Teens

Wednesday, October 23rd @ 6 PM or Wednesday, February 19th @ 6 PM

## HNJ LIFE TEEN RETREAT

Confirmation Candidates are required to attend one retreat offered by the Youth Ministry Program. The retreat options are:

HNJ Life Teen Spring Retreat: Friday, February 28, 2020 - Sunday, March 1, 2020 at Lake Aurora Christian Camp in Lake Wales, FL

Steubenville Atlanta Youth Conference Retreat: Friday, July 10 - Sunday, July 12, 2020

HNJ Life Teen Fall Retreat 2020: Friday, September 18, 2020 - Sunday, September 20, 2020 at Lake Aurora Christian Camp in Lake Wales, FL

## LIFE NIGHTS

The Life Nights create an environment that meets the spiritual, educational, social and emotional needs of today's teens. Teens grow as a faith community, increasing in understanding of what it means to be young and Catholic in today's world. Life Nights are an important part of every young person's ongoing faith formation both during and after the Confirmation Program. ***Confirmation teens are asked to commit to regularly attend Life Nights and are required to attend at least two of the following (you choose):***

September 15, 29, October 6, 13, 20, 27, November 10, 17

## EXALT

Join us for a night of Adoration, praise and worship and a guest speaker! Event is free and open to anyone. Teens & parent attend at least 1.

Thursday, March 12th or Thursday, April 30th @ 7 PM

(Additional Date Options will be made available in Fall 2020)

## **CONFIRMATION CLASSES**

These meetings are held from 10 AM - 12 Noon on Sundays in the Youth Room on the scheduled dates. These sessions are mandatory - teens that miss a Confirmation class will be required to make-up these sessions. Teens who miss multiple meetings will be asked to reevaluate their commitment to the program.

\*Confirmation classes are part large group and part small group. In an effort to keep small group size to 6 - 7 teens we ask all parents to prayerfully consider co-facilitating a small group. Meeting dates for Spring 2020 are:

Sunday, January 26th

Sunday, February 2nd

Sunday, March 8th; 6:00 - 8:30 PM (During regular Life Night)

Sunday, April 5th

**3 Additional Classes will be scheduled for Fall 2020, Dates TBD**

## **THEOLOGY OF THE BODY PRESENTATION**

This event is focused on sharing the Good News of the Theology of the Body with our young people and parents. Event features special guest speaker Rachel Bulman.

Sunday, February 23rd, 6 PM - 8:30 PM

(Immediately following 5 PM Mass, Pizza Dinner for Parents & Teens will be provided)

## **WORKS OF MERCY PROJECT**

As Christians we are called to serve one another, to be the hands and feet of Christ to those in need. Each small group will plan and implement a works of mercy project under the supervision of their small group leader. Projects will be focused on serving a population in need. Projects will be planned during our April 5th Confirmation Class and will be scheduled to take place in May or June (small groups decide their project date).

## **CHOOSING A SPONSOR / CHOOSING A SAINT NAME**

The Confirmation Sponsor represents the faith community at the Rite of Confirmation. This person symbolizes the support of the entire Body of Christ for you in your life as a disciple. The sponsor whom you choose joins your parents and family in journeying with you throughout the Confirmation Preparation Period. Sponsor must be selected by September 2020 (earlier is encouraged).

In the Sacrament of Confirmation, we choose a name to be confirmed under. This should be the name of a saint who models for us what it truly means to pursue and live holiness. In August 2020 you will be asked to choose your saint name. However, it's never too early to choose your saint and begin asking for his/her intercession as you seek to live a life of holiness each day.

## **PARENT INVOLVEMENT**

We ask each family to make a commitment to help with the program in some aspect. Parents are asked to help with at least two events per year - this can be in the area of Life Teen or Retreat Hospitality, Service Project Chaperoning/Driving, Confirmation Group Leaders, etc. All volunteers working hands-on with students must be fingerprinted and background checked through the Diocese of Orlando.

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## Important Event Meeting Dates & Times by Month

\*\*Ongoing: Sunday Mass!

\*\*Ongoing: Sunday Evening Life Nights (6 PM – 8:30 PM, includes dinner)

### SEPTEMBER 2019

9/20 - 9/22: Life Teen Retreat

### OCTOBER 2019

10/10: Exalt, 7 PM- 8:30 PM

10/23: Teaching Mass, 6 PM- 7:15 PM

### NOVEMBER 2019

11/14: Exalt, 7 PM- 8:30 PM

### JANUARY 2020

1/26: Confirmation Class, 10 AM- 12 PM

### FEBRUARY 2020

2/2: Confirmation Class, 10 AM- 12 PM

2/23: Theology of the Body, 6 PM- 8:30 PM (Parents & Teens includes dinner)

2/28 - 3/1 Life Teen Spring Retreat

### MARCH 2020

3/8: Confirmation Class, 6 PM - 8:30 PM

### SPRING 2020

Small Groups Works of Mercy Project (times & locations vary by group)

### APRIL 2020

4/5: Confirmation Class, 10 AM- 12 PM

### JULY 2020

7/10 - 7/12: Steubenville Atlanta Retreat

### AUGUST - OCTOBER 2020

3 Sunday Confirmation classes (Dates TBD)

Saint & Sponsor Info Due

### NOVEMBER 2020

11/5: Confirmation Rehearsal & Reconciliation Service, 6 PM (sponsors & teens)

11/8: Confirmation Mass @ 5 PM

“... you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you,  
and you will be my witnesses...” Acts 1:8

For updates on events or if you have questions please contact the Office of Youth Ministry at (321) 773-2783 ext106, [hnlifeteen@yahoo.com](mailto:hnlifeteen@yahoo.com) or visit our website [www.hnlifeteen.com](http://www.hnlifeteen.com)

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