

# CONFIRMATION PORTFOLIO (2019-2020)



Continuing the journey  
of Christian initiation

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Candidate's Name

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# Church of Saint Pius X

A Roman Catholic Faith Community • Founded in 1954

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Welcome Confirmation Candidate,

We hope that you will choose to continue your faith journey by preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. While all the Sacraments are signs of God's presence in our lives and confer God's grace, Confirmation is a special Sacrament because it is a **public statement of faith** by you that you are ready, willing and able to take on the rights and responsibilities of a fully initiated adult member of the Catholic Church. In receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation, you consciously affirm the promises made on your behalf by your Godparents in Baptism. You declare that you will be a witness to the Gospel in your words and deeds.

You cannot be compelled to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. It is your choice. God is with you always and wants you to have a relationship with Him, but you choose whether to pursue that relationship - only you can decide to make the commitment to lifelong discipleship with Christ.

If you decide to pursue a deeper relationship with God through the Sacrament of Confirmation, you will need to prepare. As with any commitment, the preparation process will require effort, focus and, most of all, inspiration. Without inspiration, you may lose focus and your effort may wane. This Confirmation Portfolio is designed to help you understand the basic tenets of the faith you profess to believe and guide you in practicing your faith. You will practice your faith by attending weekly Sunday Mass, Spirit Masses, the Easter Triduum, Eucharistic Adoration and a spiritual retreat. You will also engage in various community service endeavors but you will not be alone on this journey. You will choose a sponsor, who along with your Parish priests, family, catechists, teachers and fellow parishioners can help you in your faith journey.


Now and throughout your journey, you should ask questions and make sure you understand the faith you are embracing to the best of your ability. You should search your heart and ask yourself over and over again if, in good conscience, you are ready to receive this Sacrament.

If you complete the preparation process and believe you are ready to make a lifelong commitment to Christ, his Excellency Bishop Dennis J. Sullivan, Ordinary of the Diocese of Camden, will confer the Sacrament of Confirmation upon you in the Spring. In this Sacrament, you will receive God's grace to help you fulfill your lifelong commitment to Him.

We pray that you will find your own way to becoming an adult disciple of Christ.

Respectfully,

  
Rev. Fr. Sebastian Bacatan, Ph.D., A.M.  
Pastor

  
Rev. Fr. Joselito C. Ramos, AM  
Director of Religious Education

## **Come Holy Spirit**

Come Holy Spirit,  
fill the hearts of your faithful  
and kindle in them the fire of your love.  
*V.* Send forth your Spirit, and they shall be created.  
*R.* And You shall renew the face of the earth.

*Let us pray.*

O, God,  
who by the light of the Holy Spirit,  
did instruct the hearts of the faithful,  
grant that by the same Holy Spirit  
we may be truly wise and ever enjoy His consolations.  
Through Christ Our Lord. Amen.



## Confirmation

So, what's it all about –  
this sacred sign  
that speaks of being called  
to do a special task?

Our Confirmation  
is our sign  
that we are set aside.  
Anointed now, we're called  
"to do the truth in love."

We are confirmed  
to permeate our world  
with the special presence  
that is Christ!

To be a prophet,  
Priest and king;  
to reconcile the world,  
to redeem the fragile time!

It takes a lot of us –  
all who are in Christ,  
united in His Spirit,  
in his steadfast strength.

We are confirmed  
to be confirming  
during all our time –  
to lead the lost,  
to help the weak,  
to bring all men to Christ.

"To do the truth in love!"  
this is our special task.

M.M.





## PLANNING THE JOURNEY

In order to prepare for Confirmation, you should reflect on your relationship with God. At times, it might be helpful to seek guidance from others and discuss your reflection with your parents, sponsor, catechist or Parish priests.

Some questions to reflect upon are:

- ◆ Am I happy with my relationship with God? If yes, what can I do to make it stronger? If not, what can I do to make it better?
- ◆ What do I hope to discover in the preparation process? What are my goals in the process? Are they realistic? How can I ensure that I can achieve my goals?
- ◆ How do I feel about being Confirmed? Why do my parents want me to be confirmed?
- ◆ What talents do I have that I can share with others? What service activities can I do? Is there someone in the Parish with whom I can speak about service ministries or who can guide me?
- ◆ Whom should I ask to be my Sponsor?
- ◆ What passages in the Bible do I want to read and understand?
- ◆ Have I changed since I started preparing for my Confirmation?

# PARTICIPATING IN SPIRITUAL ACTIVITY



*Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you”  
James 4:8*

Spending time with Christ through prayer and reflection is a good way to strengthen your relationship with God as you seek to become one of His adult disciples. Our parish provides numerous opportunities to participate in spiritual activities. Attending Sunday Mass is only one way for you to spend time with Christ.

Along with service participation, each candidate is **REQUIRED** to participate spiritually in the following manner during their year of preparation:

- ◆ Attend Sunday Mass on a regular basis.
- ◆ Go to confession on a regular basis.
- ◆ Spend at least (2) hours in Eucharistic Adoration.
- ◆ Attend the spiritual retreat.
- ◆ Attend services on Holy Thursday, Good Friday and the Easter Vigil.



*Calendar*

# 2019-2020

## 8TH GRADE CONFIRMATION CALENDAR

S	M	T	W	T	F	S	September '19
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	16 First Day of Classes 30 Rosh Hashanah
8	9	10	11	12	13	14	
15	16	17	18	19	20	21	
22	23	24	25	26	27	28	
29	30						

S	M	T	W	T	F	S	October '19
		1	2	3	4	5	5 Adoration Opportunity
6	7	8	9	10	11	12	7 Train for Luncheon
13	14	15	16	17	18	19	10 Parents' Meeting (7pm)
20	21	22	23	24	25	26	12 Disability Luncheon (11-2pm)
27	28	29	30	31			14 Columbus Day
							27 Inscription Mass (Noon)

S	M	T	W	T	F	S	November '19
					1	2	1 All Saints' Day
3	4	5	6	7	8	9	2 Adoration Opportunity
10	11	12	13	14	15	16	11 Veterans' Day
17	18	19	20	21	22	23	17 Spirit Mass (Noon)
24	25	26	27	28	29	30	

S	M	T	W	T	F	S	December '19
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	7 Adoration Opportunity
8	9	10	11	12	13	14	14-15 Bake Sale After Masses
15	16	17	18	19	20	21	23-31 Christmas Break
22	23	24	25	26	27	28	
29	30	31					

S	M	T	W	T	F	S	January '20
			1	2	3	4	1 Mary, Mother of God
5	6	7	8	9	10	11	20 MLK Day
12	13	14	15	16	17	18	
19	20	21	22	23	24	25	
26	27	28	29	30	31		

S	M	T	W	T	F	S	February '20
						1	1 Adoration Opportunity
2	3	4	5	6	7	8	17 Winter Break
9	10	11	12	13	14	15	26 Ash Wednesday
16	17	18	19	20	21	22	
23	24	25	26	27	28	29	

S	M	T	W	T	F	S	March '20
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	7 Adoration Opportunity
8	9	10	11	12	13	14	26 Confirmation Retreat
15	16	17	18	19	20	21	
22	23	24	25	26	27	28	
29	30	31					

S	M	T	W	T	F	S	April '20
			1	2	3	4	4 Adoration Opportunity
5	6	7	8	9	10	11	9 Holy Thursday
12	13	14	15	16	17	18	10 Good Friday
19	20	21	22	23	24	25	11 Holy Saturday
26	27	28	29	30			12 Easter Sunday
							27-30 Confirmation Rehearsal

S	M	T	W	T	F	S	May '20
					1	2	
3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
10	11	12	13	14	15	16	
17	18	19	20	21	22	23	
24	25	26	27	28	29	30	
31							

- Adoration Opportunity (9:30-4:30)
- No Class
- Mandatory Attendance
- Holy Day of Obligation



# 2019-2020

## 8th Grade Confirmation Curriculum & Assignment Schedule

September		
9/16/2019	First day of Class Introduction to the Sacrament of Confirmation	
9/23/2019	Precepts of Catholic Church	
9/30/2019	NO CLASS - Rosh Hashanah	
October		
10/7/2019	Choosing a Saint/Train for Disability Luncheon 4:30	<b>DUE: Precepts of the Catholic Church</b>
10/14/2019	NO CLASS - Columbus Day	
10/21/2019	The Commandments	<b>DUE: Saint Report</b>
10/28/2019	The Commandments	
November		
11/4/2019	Material View	<b>DUE: The Commandments</b>
11/11/2019	NO CLASS - Veterans' Day	
11/18/2019	Gifts of the Holy Spirit	
11/25/2019	Gifts of the Holy Spirit	
December		
12/2/2019	Fruits of the Holy Spirit	
12/9/2019	The Miracle of Christmas/Adoration and Confession before Christmas.	
12/16/2019	How the Gifts and Fruits of the Holy Spirit work together.	<b>DUE: Gifts of Fruits of the Holy Spirit</b>
12/23/2019	NO CLASS - Christmas Break	
12/30/2019	NO CLASS - Christmas Break	
January		
1/6/2020	Nicene Creed	
1/13/2020	Nicene Creed	<b>DUE: Letter to the Bishop &amp; Sponsor Packet</b>
1/20/2020	NO CLASS - MLK Day	
1/27/2020	My Catholic Faith	<b>DUE: Nicene Creed</b>
February		
2/3/2020	The Beatitudes	<b>DUE: My Catholic Faith</b>
2/10/2020	The Beatitudes/Letter to the Bishop	
2/17/2020	NO CLASS - Winter Break	
2/24/2020	Virtues	<b>DUE: Beatitudes</b>
March		
3/2/2020	Works of Mercy	<b>DUE: Virtues</b>
3/9/2020	Stations of the Cross and Confession	
3/16/2020	Works of Mercy	
3/23/2020	Holy Triduum	<b>DUE: Works of Mercy</b>
3/30/2020	Holy Triduum	
April		
4/1/2020	Prep for Breakfast Run (Parish Hall)	
4/6/2020	NO CLASS - Spring Break	
4/13/2020	NO CLASS - Spring Break	
4/20/2020	Confirmation Review	<b>DUE: Holy Triduum</b>
4/27/2020	Confirmation Rehearsal	<b>DUE: Service Reflection Project</b>
May		
5/4/2020		
5/11/2020		
5/18/2020		
5/25/2020		



*Sponsor*

# CHOOSING A SPONSOR



With the guidance of your parents, you have the responsibility of choosing a Sponsor who will take an active role in the Confirmation program and communicate with you about your faith journey on a regular basis. It is recommended (but not required) that you choose one of your Godparents to act as your Sponsor because Confirmation is the completion of your Baptism. In Baptism, your Godparents acted on your behalf by promising that you would follow Christ and, in Confirmation, you consciously make that promise for yourself.

Canon #874 of Church law states that a Sponsor must be:

- ◆ At least 16 years of age
- ◆ A confirmed Catholic
- ◆ Who is living according to the Catholic Faith.

*There is no regulation that provides men must sponsor boys or women must sponsor girls.*

Please complete the attached Sponsor Packet and return it no later than

**Due: January 13, 2020**

# SPONSOR PACKET

The following forms should be completed and submitted by your sponsor no later than:

January 13, 2020

Verification of Sponsorship

Agreement of Sponsorship

Sponsor's Certificate

Sponsor's Letter

***Have your Sponsor send back via mail, fax or email to:***

St. Pius X Religious Education Office

85 Palmer Avenue

Scarsdale, NY 10583

Fax (914) 725-1517

[stpiusxreled@yahoo.com](mailto:stpiusxreled@yahoo.com)

# VERIFICATION OF SPONSORSHIP

Church law states (Canon #874) that a Sponsor must:

1. Designated by the one to be confirmed and is to have the aptitude and intention of performing this role,
2. Over the age of 16
3. A Catholic who has been confirmed and has already received the most holy sacrament of the Eucharist and who leads of life in harmony with the faith and the role to be undertaken, and
4. Not a parent of the person being Confirmed.

*(Please print clearly)*

Name of student being Confirmed: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_

Address of Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

*\*By signing below, I confirm that I am at least sixteen years of age, a baptized Catholic, and have received the Sacraments of the Holy Eucharist and Confirmation. I am also a practicing Catholic in good standing with the Church and not the parent of Confirmation Candidate.*

\_\_\_\_\_

*\*Sponsor's Signature:*

\_\_\_\_\_

*Date:*

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# AGREEMENT OF SPONSORSHIP

I accept the invitation of the Confirmation candidate named herein to be his/her Sponsor. I welcome the responsibility and I am grateful for the privilege to serve as a Sponsor. With God's help and the support of the Holy Catholic Church, I hereby commit myself to serve as a Sponsor for the Confirmation candidate named herein and to fulfill to the best of my ability the responsibilities placed upon me as a Sponsor for the Candidate named herein.

Candidate's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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# SPONSOR'S CERTIFICATE

*This is to certify that*

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*(Insert Sponsor's Name)*

*is an active parishioner in this Parish and to my knowledge is a Catholic qualified to act as a Sponsor for the Sacrament of Confirmation.*

*Rev.* \_\_\_\_\_

*Church* \_\_\_\_\_

*City* \_\_\_\_\_

*Date* \_\_\_\_\_

CHURCH SEAL

*Have your Sponsor send back via mail, fax or email to:*

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**Due: January 13, 2020**

# SPONSOR LETTER

This letter should be written by your sponsor and sent to Ellen. It should include evidence of the following:

- ◆ The student's readiness to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.
- ◆ The student's spiritual growth while preparing for the Sacrament.
- ◆ The student's understanding of the commitment he/she will make and their willingness to make the commitment freely, sincerely and without reservation.
- ◆ The student's plans to continue to nurture and support their Catholic Faith.

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SERVICE



# ENGAGING IN SERVICE

*“The heart of your faith is seen in how you put your faith into practice.”*

*John 1: 22-27*

## **MANDATORY SERVICE:**

- ☐ Annual Luncheon for Persons with Disabilities (October 12th, 11:00-2:00)
- ☐ Bake Sale (December 8th or 9th After Mass)
- ☐ Hope Soup Kitchen (TBD)

## **Individual Service Opportunities: (Must complete 3)**

- ☐ Alter Server (Counts as 3 with a 1-year commitment)
- ☐ Lector (Counts as 3 with a 1-year commitment)
- ☐ Help Set up for Persons with Disabilities Luncheon
- ☐ Help Decorate the Church for Christmas
- ☐ Help Pack Gifts Collected from the Angel Giving Tree
- ☐ Help 7th Graders with the St. Patrick's Bake Sale

## **Family Service Opportunities: (Must complete 3)**

- ☐ Host the Hospitality Table after the 10:30 Family Mass
- ☐ Prepare Food for the Persons with Disabilities Luncheon
- ☐ Parents Needed to Drive and Supervise Students at Hope Soup Kitchen
- ☐ Load and Deliver Food Collected from the Thanksgiving Food Drive
- ☐ Adopt-a-Family Christmas Outreach
- ☐ Help Deliver Coats from the Annual Coat Drive
- ☐ Prepare Food for the Breakfast Run in NYC
- ☐ Attend the Breakfast Run and Help Distribute Food to the Homeless
- ☐ Help with Meals on Wheels



RETREAT



## WHY BE CONFIRMED?

Every Spring, the Confirmation Candidates attend a day-long retreat at the Capuchin Youth & Family Ministry in Garrison, NY.

## THIS YEAR'S RETREAT WILL BE THURSDAY, MARCH 26.

The retreat is lead by an enthusiastic team dedicated to filling the students with excitement and knowledge about the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Each retreatant will examine his/her relationship with God and attitude toward Confirmation, talk about both, and evaluate and plan for growth.

It is a day filled with fun activities and a chance to escape and enjoy the excitement and meaning of their upcoming Sacrament.

All schools will be notified by St. Pius X and it is an excused absence by NY State.

## *Parental Retreat Permission*

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I hereby give permission for my child, \_\_\_\_\_, in the **8<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Class**, to attend and participate in the activities connected with the trip to CYFM (Capuchin Franciscan) Garrison, New York—Confirmation Retreat which will be held on **March 26, 2020.**

I will provide for the transportation between my home and the Parish premises. I understand that transportation from the Parish premises to the destination of the trip will be provided by car. I understand that my child will leave the Parish premises at 8:00 AM and return to the parish premises at approximately 4:00 PM. An adult must pick my child up at that time.

Should an emergency arise I also give my permission for my child to be diagnosed and/or treated and medicated in accordance with standard medical practice by licensed medical personnel. I agree to assume the financial responsibility for any diagnosis, treatment and/or medication deemed necessary.

I hereby release CHURCH OF ST. PIUS X, the Archdiocese of New York, and all of their agents, representatives and volunteers from any and all liability in case of accident or injury incurred during this trip.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Parent or Guardian

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address

Home Telephone # \_\_\_\_\_ Cell# \_\_\_\_\_

**Due— March 14, 2019**



# ASSIGNMENTS



## ASSIGNMENT CHECKLIST

- |                          |                    |                                   |
|--------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | October 7          | Precepts of the Church            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | October 21         | Saint Report                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | November 4         | The 10 Commandments               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | December 16        | Gifts & Fruits of the Holy Spirit |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | January 13         | Letter to Bishop                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | January 13         | Sponsor Packet                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | January 27         | Nicene Creed                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | February 23        | My Catholic Faith                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | February 24        | Beatitudes                        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | March 23           | Works of Mercy                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | April 20           | Holy Triduum Reflection           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | April 27           | Service Reflection Project        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Bring to Interview | The Year in Focus                 |
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# PRECEPTS OF THE CHURCH

## Guidelines for Catholics

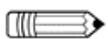
The Precepts of the Catholic Church are a description of the absolute minimum actions required of Catholics regarding the Church.

The Church uses these precepts to remind us that a Christian life requires a commitment to prayer and active participation in the liturgy and sacraments. If we fall below this bare-minimum level, we can't rightly consider ourselves to be in full communion with the Catholic Church.

1. *You should participate in the Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation.*
2. *You should do penance on the appointed days especially by abstaining from meat and fasting.*
3. *You should receive the Sacrament of Penance.*
4. *You should receive Holy Communion frequently.*
5. *You should contribute to the support of the Church; including your parish and other causes.*
6. *You should observe the laws of the Church concerning marriage.*



## Assignment:



Write a paragraph explaining why the six (6) Precepts of the Church are important guidelines for Catholics.

**Due: October 7, 2019**



# CHOOSING A SAINT'S NAME

## Saint Report

Confirmation includes a naming ritual. In taking a Confirmation name, you are asking God to change you; to establish your relationship with Him as a mature adult and to give you strength to live your faith more fully. You might wish to keep your Baptismal name because you began your journey with Christ with that name and it expresses the relationship that exists between the two Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation. Instead, you might choose a new name to remind you that your choice to be a disciple of Christ is a life altering decision. In the Scriptures, there are a number of times when a person changes his name to reflect a change of life. For instance, Jesus told Peter that his new name was Simon when he assumed a role of leadership in the Church (Matthew 16:18), and when God made His first covenant with Abraham, He changed Abraham's name to Abram and Sarah's name to Sara because their new names showed their change in life as God's chosen people (Genesis 17).

You should choose a name only after considerable research about a Saint because you are asking this Saint to be your friend and advocate for the rest of your life. The Saint's life should have special meaning to you and serve as a guide for your own life. Some Saints are associated with special needs or places. For instance, if you love animals, you might choose St. Francis, if you are an athlete, you might choose St. Sebastian, if you have knee problems, St. Roch, or if your family is from South America, you might choose St. Rose of Lima, the patroness of South America. If you decide to keep your Baptismal name, you will need to choose your patron. There are a number of St. Johns and more than one St. Katherine or St. Elizabeth. Who will be the person you will try to imitate as you follow Christ? You need not choose a person of your same gender.

If you are having difficulty choosing a Saint's name, please feel free to see your Catechist or chat with one of the priests. Go to the library to find books and information on Saints or visit websites. Some websites where you can find information on the Saints are listed below:

[www.catholicforum.com/saints](http://www.catholicforum.com/saints)

[www.catholic.org/saints](http://www.catholic.org/saints)

[www.catholic-pages.com/dir/saints.asp](http://www.catholic-pages.com/dir/saints.asp)

[www.theworkofgod.org/saints](http://www.theworkofgod.org/saints)

**Due: October 21, 2019**



## Assignment:

After you choose your Confirmation name, you must prepare a written report about your saint. Your report must be at least 350 words and include citations to the sources used. Please do not copy the biography of a saint. Any papers that are not original works will need to be resubmitted. Your report on the Confirmation name you have chosen must include the following:

1. The name of your Saint,
2. What they are the patron of and why,
3. Their year of birth, death and canonization (if given),
4. A summary of the principal details of their life,
5. Why you chose this Saint,
6. What you would like to imitate about this Saint,
7. A motto that you create for yourself to live by based on the Saint's life.

**Due: October 21, 2019**



# THE 10 COMMANDMENTS

*(Matthew 19:16-19)*

The Commandments show us how to live in a loving relationship with God and each other. They lead to a fulfilled life here on earth and more importantly, everlasting life after death.

1. *I am the Lord your God, you shall not have other gods besides me.*
2. *You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.*
3. *Remember to keep holy the Sabbath Day.*
4. *Honor your father and mother.*
5. *You shall not kill.*
6. *You shall not commit adultery.*
7. *You shall not steal.*
8. *You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.*
9. *You shall not covet your neighbor's spouse.*
10. *You shall not covet your neighbor's goods.*



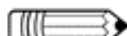
When a man asked Christ,

“Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?”

Jesus replied: “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.” This is the first and greatest commandment and the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.”



## Assignment:

-  Describe what the "Greatest Commandment" means to you.
-  Describe what the "Second Greatest Commandment" means to you.
-  Explain how these two commandments summarize the Ten Commandments.

**Due: November 4, 2019**



# GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

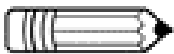
*(Isaiah 11:2-3)*

Gifts you receive at Baptism that are strengthened in Confirmation.

1. Wisdom *(To value things of God and not things of this world.)*
2. Understanding *(To see God working in our lives.)*
3. Counsel *(To know the difference between right and wrong.)*
4. Fortitude *(To follow God in any situation.)*
5. Knowledge *(To value and trust God's plan for our life.)*
6. Piety *(To serve and obey God out of love.)*
7. Fear of the Lord *(To be aware of the majesty of God (awe) and fear displeasing Him.)*



## Assignment:



Choose three (3) Gifts of the Holy Spirit and write one (1) paragraph on each explaining how it will help you stay close to God.

**Due: December 16, 2019**



# FRUITS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

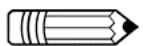
(Galatians 5:22-23)

The result of cooperating with God's grace. By living united to Christ and following the guidance of the Holy Spirit you will bear the fruits of...

1. Love (You will show selfless service to others by your words and actions.)
2. Faithfulness (You will be dependable, trustworthy and obedient.)
3. Peace (You will be serene and not anxious or upset.)
4. Joy (You will have a constant feeling of happiness.)
5. Goodness (You will love all people without exception.)
6. Gentleness (You will be gracious and have the power to forgive.)
7. Patience (You will not give up in difficult situations.)
8. Self-Control (You will be in charge of your desires and emotions.)
9. Kindness (You will be compassionate and considerate.)
10. Generosity (You will give to others even at the expense of yourself.)
11. Modesty (You will credit God for your talents and moderate your behavior.)
12. Chastity (You will be faithful to your own sexuality in conduct and intention.)



## Assignment:



Choose three (3) Gifts of the Holy Spirit and write one (1) paragraph explaining what these Gifts mean to you. In a second paragraph, describe the four (4) Fruits of the Holy Spirit that you receive through these Gifts and in a third paragraph, show how other people might see these Fruits active in your life.

**Due: December 16, 2019**



# THE NICENE CREED

## My Catholic Faith

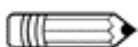


Just as we make a statement with the clothes we wear and the music we listen to, we make a statement by praying and living the Creed. We are stepping out into the world, telling everyone that we are Catholic and identifying ourselves as believers.

The word creed comes from the Latin word *credo*, which means “I believe”. Our belief is our personal commitment to God. It defines how Jesus Christ, God the Son, is of the same substance as God the Father and is also fully man. The Creed proclaims this perfect unity between these three divine Persons of the Holy Trinity.

We all need the support of our community to help us grow in our faith, a faith that has been handed down to us. Pray the Creed reverently. Become conscious of how your local faith community and all Christians share the beliefs you profess, making us all brothers and sisters in Christ and children of God, guided by the Holy Spirit.



## Assignment:

-  Write (1) paragraph on why you feel it is important to know the Nicene Creed.
-  Write (1) paragraph explaining the difference between Catholic and non-Catholic Christians.
-  Write (1) paragraph explaining how you would explain your Catholic faith to a friend who is not a Christian.

**Due: January 27, 2020**

# CANDIDATE'S LETTER TO THE BISHOP



Our Bishop has asked that each candidate write a letter to him introducing himself/herself, requesting the Sacrament, explaining how he/she prepared for the Sacrament and describing how he/she plans to carry out a life of service to God. We suggest that you type your letter following the format below and ask someone to proofread the letter for you. The letter will be due on December 18, 2017.

## Greeting

(Dear Most Reverend Dennis Sullivan)

## Body of Letter

**Paragraph One:** Introduce yourself to the Bishop and tell him something about your family, your history, etc.

**Paragraph Two:** Request that the Bishop confer the Sacrament of Confirmation on you and provide reasons why you would like to be confirmed.

**Paragraph Three:** Explain how you have prepared for the Sacrament including specific information about your prayer life, celebration of other sacraments, your service for others, etc.

**Paragraph Four:** Tell the Bishop how you plan to carry out your life of service to God and others through the power of the Holy Spirit and how you plan to make Confirmation in faith real and alive in the future.

## Conclusion

Conclude the letter and write your complete signature.

**Due: January 13, 2020**



# THE BEATITUDES

*(Matthew 5:3-10)*

The Beatitudes are the teachings of Jesus in the Sermon on the Mount. They teach us that if we live according to them, we will live a happy Christian life. The Beatitudes fulfill God's promises made to Abraham and his descendants and describe the rewards that will be ours as loyal followers of Christ.

1. *Blest are the poor in spirit; the reign of God is theirs.*
2. *Blest too are the sorrowing; they shall be consoled.*
3. *Blest are the lowly; they shall inherit the land.*
4. *Blest are they that hunger and thirst for holiness; they shall have their fill.*
5. *Blest are they who show mercy; mercy shall be theirs.*
6. *Blest are the single-hearted for they shall see God.*
7. *Blest too are the peacemakers; they shall be called sons of God.*
8. *Blest are those persecuted for holiness' sake; the reign of God is theirs.*



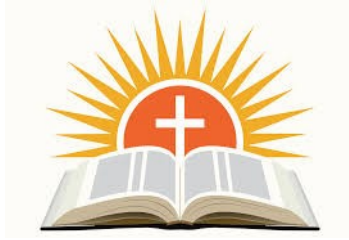
## Assignment:



Choose two (2) Beatitudes and write a paragraph on each explaining, in your words, what they mean to you...

**Due: February 24, 2020**





# THEOLOGICAL & CARDINAL VIRTUES

*(Corinthians 13:13)*

## THEOLOGICAL VIRTUES

*Gifts of grace given to us by God.*

### 1. Faith

The ability to believe in God.

### 2. Hope

The ability to know God is always with you and has a plan for you.

### 3. Charity

The ability to love God above all things and love others as yourself.

## CARDINAL VIRTUES

*Gifts gained by doing good.*

### 1. Prudence

The ability to avoid sin and evil.

### 2. Justice

The ability to give thanks and respect to others that is due to them.

### 3. Fortitude

The ability to be courageous and do the right thing even when it is difficult.

### 4. Temperance

The ability to control your desire.



Assignment:



Choose (1) Theological and (1) Cardinal Virtue and write a paragraph for each explaining how it helps you lead a Catholic lifestyle.

**Due: March 2, 2020**



# WORKS OF MERCY

## SPIRITUAL WORKS OF MERCY    CORPORAL WORKS OF MERCY

Acts of love performed to help someone, either bodily or spiritually.

1. Instruct the ignorant.
2. Counsel the doubtful.
3. Comfort the sorrowful.
4. Admonish the sinner.
5. Forgive injuries.
6. Bear injustices patiently.
7. Pray for the living and the dead.

Forms of charity or mercy directed to the physical well-being of a needy person.

1. Feed the hungry.
2. Clothe the naked.
3. Give drink to the thirsty.
4. Visit the sick.
5. Visit the imprisoned.
6. Give shelter to the homeless.
7. Bury the dead.



### Assignment:



Write a paragraph explaining the difference between Spiritual and Corporal works of mercy and why you feel they are important.

**Due: March 23, 2020**

# HOLY TRIDUUM REFLECTIONS



Holy Week is the most solemn and glorious week in Christianity because it commemorates the final week of Our Lord's life. Sundown on Holy Thursday to sundown on Easter Sunday is considered the most solemn part of the liturgical year. This three-day period is referred to as the Holy Triduum.




On the evening of Holy Thursday, the Church relives *The Mass of the Lord's Supper*. After the homily the priest washes the feet of others (as Jesus did) to signify his role as a servant.

The ceremony on Good Friday is not a mass, but rather a communion service using the consecrated hosts from Holy Thursday. It often takes place at 3pm, the hour that Jesus took his last breath on the cross. Veneration of the cross takes place at this service where parishioners kneel before the cross and either touch or kiss it.

A vigil Mass is held after nightfall on Holy Saturday, or before dawn on Easter Sunday, in celebration of the resurrection of Jesus. This is called the Easter Vigil, the most glorious, beautiful and dramatic liturgy for the Church.



## Assignment:

-  Describe what it meant for you to see the Washing of the Feet on Holy Thursday?
-  Described what you learned from the Veneration of the Cross on Good Friday?
-  The Easter Vigil celebrates the resurrection of Jesus, what does that mean to you?

**Due: April 20, 2020**

# SERVICE REFLECTION PROJECT

## Hope Soup Kitchen

I help at the hope soup kitchen one day each month. I go with a group organization called Lion's Heart and I have also gone with the my 8th grade class at St. Pius. At the soup kitchen we serve refreshments to the people at first and then we give them salads. Once they have eaten their salads Father says a prayer to make sure that they stay safe during the night. We then serve them the dinner meal of that night and at the end we give them dessert. I have talked with many of the people there and have learned their individual stories of how they got into the hope soup kitchen program and how they grew up. It is really fascinating to learn how they got into the hope soup kitchen program.



**SPOON  
FULL OF  
HOPE**

## In my community

I volunteer in my community by helping at various community building and fundraising events such as the scarecrow festival, the 15k run, and the car show. I think its important that I am able to help members of my community and to be a helping hand with projects in the town.



## My Year Of Service

By: Aidan Donovan

## Breakfast Run/ Midnight Run

I help with the breakfast runs and the midnight runs with Lion's Heart. I'm not old enough yet to go on the midnight runs but I help sort and collect clothes for those runs. I like doing this work because it is interesting to see how much food, clothing and toiletries are necessary for each run. I think that the people who go on the runs seem to really enjoy this ministry and care about the people they are serving. It isn't like they are going because they were forced to but because they want to. I admire how selfless some of our parishioners are; they give up their weekends to serve the needs of others. I just went on my very first breakfast run this weekend. It was a great experience. It's a gift to be able to serve others in this way.





## Altar Serving

I have been altar serving for the parish since 3rd grade. I like serving because I know that I am helping the Church and helping the priest during the Mass. I think altar serving is important to the Church because if they don't have an altar server they would not be able to run the mass as well. I enjoy bringing out the cake during the birthday celebration and helping to train the younger altar servers.




Prepare a visual representation of your community service experience. Show (by photo, clip art or drawing) each service and describe how it felt to help others.

This visual representation will be displayed in the Narthex so that your fellow Parishioners can view it. You can use poster board or a digital poster (1920x1080, 720 dpi) using photos and descriptions of all your hard work. Remember to takes lots of pics during your service but most of all...

## Be creative and have fun!

**Due: April 27, 2020**



## THE YEAR IN FOCUS

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

The thing I liked best about Confirmation Prep this year was

- ☐ Inscription Liturgy
- ☐ Sponsor Candidate Gathering and Spirit Mass
- ☐ Day Retreat
- ☐ Group Service Projects
- ☐ Family Service Project
- ☐ Spirit Mass small group discussions
- ☐ Getting to know other kids being confirmed at the Church of Saint Pius X
- ☐ Learning more about the Bible
- ☐ Doing community service with Family
- ☐ Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

If you were directing the Confirmation program here at Church of Saint Pius X, what would you

- ◆ Change? \_\_\_\_\_
- ◆ Add? \_\_\_\_\_
- ◆ Drop? \_\_\_\_\_
- ◆ Do more of? \_\_\_\_\_
- ◆ Do less of? \_\_\_\_\_
- ◆ Leave the way it is?

Comments:

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**Due—Interview Day**



# FUTURE SERVICE POSSIBILITIES

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

After Confirmation, I could use my gifts and talents for the following ministries:

- ☐ Altar Guild (Caring for the Altar and decorating for Easter and Christmas)
- ☐ Altar Server (Assist the priests at Mass)
- ☐ Eucharistic Adoration (Make sure Jesus is never left alone during adoration)
- ☐ Eucharistic Minister (Share the body and blood of Christ during Mass)
- ☐ Gift Bearer (Bring gifts to the Altar during Mass)
- ☐ Greeter and Usher (Greet and help seat parishioners, collect baskets, hand out bulletin)
- ☐ Lector (Read the Scripture readings, prayers of the faithful and announcements)
- ☐ Liturgy (Help plan liturgies for special events)
- ☐ Marian Devotion (Celebrate different celebrations of Mary and pray the rosary)
- ☐ Music (Adult and children's choir)
- ☐ Sacristan (Help Pastoral staff prepare for liturgical celebrations)
- ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**Due—Interview Day**



# INTERVIEW WITH FR. SEBASTIAN

Each student will have an interview with Father Sebastian at the end of the year before they are confirmed. He will review the assignments that were turned in throughout the year and ask questions about some of the answers to better understand their knowledge of the material.

Along with that, each student should have a strong knowledge of their chosen Saint and also be able to recite the 10 Commandments and the Nicene Creed.

He/she should also have an idea of future stewardship they might want to contribute to our Parish.



## *Parental Permission General Letter*

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I hereby give permission for my child, \_\_\_\_\_,  
in the **8<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Class**, to attend and participate in the activities connected with the trip to  
\_\_\_\_\_ (event) which will be held on  
\_\_\_\_\_ (date).

I will provide for the transportation between my home and the Parish premises. I understand that transportation from the Parish premises to the destination of the trip will be provided by car. I understand that my child will leave the Parish premises at approximately \_\_\_\_\_ (time) and return to the parish premises at approximately \_\_\_\_\_ (time). An adult must pick my child up at that time.

Should an emergency arise I also give my permission for my child to be diagnosed and/or treated and medicated in accordance with standard medical practice by licensed medical personnel. I agree to assume the financial responsibility for any diagnosis, treatment and/or medication deemed necessary.

I hereby release the CHURCH OF ST. PIUS X, the Archdiocese of New York, and all of their agents, representatives and volunteers from any and all liability in case of accident or injury incurred during this trip.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Parent or Guardian

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address

Home Telephone # \_\_\_\_\_ Cell# \_\_\_\_\_

You may duplicate this form as needed.