St. Pius X



Confirmation 2023

This year...

Students will be responsible for:

- 1. Attending Mass
- 2. Assignments
- 3. Service
- 4. Choosing a Sponsor
- 5. Attending Retreat
- 6. Interview









Assignments

There will be 8 short written assignments along with a

"Saint Report"

"Letter to the Bishop"

"Service Reflection Project"

- Written assignments will be discussed in class and students will be given time to work on them after discussions but may need to be completed at home.
- The Saint Report will be facts about the Saint they have chosen as their Confirmation Name.
- Students will write a short **Letter to the Bishop** describing why they want to be Confirmed and what they have done to prepare.
- At the end of the year, they will do a Service
 Reflection Project by making a poster showing
 pictures and descriptions of their service
 activities for the year and they will be displayed
 in the Narthex for the Parish to admire.



Service

Students must complete **6 acts of service**.

You will receive emails from Ellen with sign-ups for service opportunities throughout the year.

Service is not limited to our Parish they may also participate in other events in the community.

Examples include:

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Deliver baskets for NY Foundling (10/22).

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8th grade bake sale (12/10-11).

- Be an Altar Server or Lector. (3)
- Host the Hospitality Table.
- Help with the "Trunk or Treat"
- Help with the Thanksgiving Food Drive.
- Help with the Santa Event.
- Help decorate the Church for Christmas.
- Help pack gifts from the "Angel Giving Tree".
- Help deliver gifts from the "Adopt-a-Family".



Choosing a Sponsor

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 says men must sponsor boys or women must sponsor girls.

They have the responsibility of choosing a Sponsor who will take an active role in the Confirmation program and communicate with them about their faith journey on a regular basis.

It is recommended (but not required) that they choose one of their Godparents to act as their Sponsor because Confirmation is the completion of their Baptism.

In Baptism, Godparents acted on their behalf by promising that they would follow Christ and in Confirmation, they consciously make that promise for themselves.



The Archdiocese of New York requires Confirmation Candidates to attend a retreat.

This year's Retreat will be MARCH 4, 2023

at

The Center at Mariandale Ossining, NY

If for some reason they are unable to join the scheduled retreat, they will have to inquire and register in other parishes' Confirmation Retreat before their Confirmation Day.

A Day to Reflect...

One of the final moments of preparation for Confirmation is spending a day with fellow classmates participating in fellowship and spiritual reflection.

By removing themselves from life's concerns, they are able to connect with God in a deeply personal manner which helps prepare their heart for the approaching Sacrament of Confirmation.



Interview

At the end of the year, each student will sit down Father Sebastian before Confirmation.

Father Sebastian will review written assignments and ask questions about some of their thoughts and answers. He will want them to be able to discuss why they have chosen their Saint and will be asked to recite from memory:

- The 10 Commandments
- The Act of Contrition
- The Nicene Creed

Confirmation Day



Saturday, May 13 10:00 am