

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION

2016 -2017 DATES TO REMEMBER (GRADE 8)

- Oct. 26 Parent/Student Meeting 7:00 Pm Church (Attend. Mandatory)
- Oct. 30 Youth Mass **9:30 Am followed by (Coffee Hour)
Grades 5-8
- Oct. 31 NO CLASSES – Halloween
- Nov. 1 NO CLASSES – ALL SAINTS DAY
- Nov. 7-11 National Religious Education Week Starts
- Nov. 21-25 NO CLASSES ALL GRADES – Thanksgiving Week
- Nov. 27 Youth Mass 11:30 Am – (Attendance Mandatory)
- Dec. 8 NO CLASSES ALL GRADES (Feast of the Immaculate Conception)
- Dec. 18 Youth Mass 11:30 Am – (Attendance Mandatory) (Followed by Coffee Hour)
- Dec. 19 – Jan. 2 NO CLASSES ALL GRADES – CHRISTMAS RECESS
- Jan. 22 11:30 Mass – Mandatory – Presentation of the Creed
- Jan. 29 Youth Mass 11:30 Am – (Attendance Mandatory) Grades 5-8
- Feb. 4 Reconciliation Services (11:30 Church) Grades 7 & 8
- Feb. 6-9 NO CLASSES ALL GRADES
- Feb. 12 11:30 Am – Mandatory – Presentation of the Lord’s Prayer
- Feb. 20-24 NO CLASSES ALL GRADES (WINTER RECESS)
- Feb. 26 Youth Mass 11:30 Am – (Attendance is Mandatory)

St. Philip Neri Parish – 2016/2017 Confirmation Packet

Grades 5-8 (Followed by Coffee Hour)

- March 01 ASH WEDNESDAY – ALL CLASSES MEET IN CHURCH
(MANDATORY SERVICES 4:30/7:00 PM)
- March 08 Parent/Student Meeting 7:00 Pm in Church (Grade 8)
(Attendance Mandatory)
- March 26 Youth Mass 11:30 Am – (Attendance Mandatory) Blessing of the
Sponsors
- April 07 Retreat – in Parish Center (Gym) 5:30 pm – 9:30 pm
(More information to follow) - Mandatory
- Apr. 9 Palm Sunday
- Apr 10-17 NO CLASSES ALL GRADES - Holy Week
- Apr. 13 Holy Thursday (Service is Mandatory) Grades 5-8
- Apr. 14 Good Friday (Service is Mandatory)
- Apr. 15 Easter Vigil
- April 24-27 Last week of classes

CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION (Please Print)

Candidate's Name _____
 First Middle Last

Date of Birth _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Parent's Name: Father: _____
 First Middle

Mother: _____
 First Middle Maiden

Baptismal Information:

Church: _____
 Name

Address: _____

City/State: _____

Date of Baptism: _____
 Month Day Year

If not baptized at St. Philip Neri Parish, please attach certified copy of Baptismal Certificate or bring copy to office.

Sponsor Name: _____
 First Middle Last

Address: _____

City/State: _____

CONFIRMATION NAME: _____

Confirmation Fee: \$125.00. Please attach fee to this registration form and return to Religious Education office no later than January 9th.

REQUESTING THE SACRAMENT

You are free to respond to God's call to live your faith more deeply – to worship, witness, and serve as a confirmed Christian. If you wish to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, write a letter of request to your pastor stating your desire. Follow these guidelines:

GREETING

Begin your letter with the greeting: Dear Msgr. Peter,

BODY OF THE LETTER

- Paragraph 1) Introduce yourself. Tell something about your family and your background.
- Paragraph 2) Request the sacrament. Give several reasons why you would like to be confirmed.
- Paragraph 3) Explain how you have prepared for the sacrament. It is important that you tell about specific parts of your preparation: your prayer life, your celebration of the other sacraments, your service for others exercised at home and within the parish, etc.
- Paragraph 4) Tell how you will continue to carry out your life of service to God and others through the power of the Spirit. Tell how you plan to make your confirmation in the faith real and alive in the future.

CONCLUSION

Conclude the letter and clearly print your name followed by your signature.

**TO BE RETURNED AT YOUR RELE.D. CLASS THE
WEEK OF JANUARY 9TH
TRINITY CANDIDATES: RETURN TO THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE
BY JANUARY 16TH**

SAINT'S POSTER

A poster will be created by you in class of the saint that you will choose. Whether you are choosing to keep your present name or take a new name, you will need to have facts listed on one sheet of paper about your choice for this project.

- ✓ A brief one paragraph as to why you are choosing this name.
What do you hope to gain by modeling yourself after this person or Saint?

- ✓ Information regarding your chosen saint can be obtained through the Religious Education office as well as the Internet.

Please note:

This poster project will start the week of January 9th and be complete (no exceptions) by the week of January 23. Make sure you name and teacher's name is on the poster. Instructions will be given in class. You can be as creative as you like.

Websites:

<http://www.catholic-saints.info/index.htm>

<http://www.americancatholic.org/Features/Saints/byname.aspx>

<http://www.catholic.org/saints/>

The Role of a Sponsor

A Sponsor is one who.....

- . Prays and witnesses to the faith through regular participation at Mass and the Sacraments.*
- . Guides the candidate as a friend, listening and offering advice when necessary.*
- . Respects the shared confidence and takes an interest in the candidate's life.*
- . Welcomes the candidate into the larger faith community through words of encouragement and their own active life of faith.*
- . Attends rehearsals and Confirmation and if possible, any of the special liturgies in preparation for the Sacrament.*

Canon Law Requirements (see Canons 874 & 893)

- . One Sponsor – At least 16 years of age*
- . A practicing Catholic*
- . Fully initiated in the Catholic Church (Baptism-Confirmation-Eucharist) or received into the full communion of the Catholic Church.*
- . Leads a life in harmony with the faith & role to be undertaken.*
- . If married, married within the Catholic Church and not bound by any canonical penalty legitimately imposed.*

It is desirable that the one who undertook the role of Sponsor at Baptism be sponsor for Confirmation. Because parents are “Presenters”, they may NOT function as a sponsor for their child.

Responsibilities of Sponsorship

As a sponsor, you will accompany and guide this young person as a role model of and witness to our faith.

Therefore, you will need:

- . to be available for support and questions and doubts*
- . to be gentle yet challenging*
- . to practice joyfully what you profess to believe*
- .to testify to the spiritual development of the candidate*

To Do List:

- 1. Prayerfully reflect on choosing a sponsor.*
- 2. Get a firm commitment when choosing a sponsor.*
- 3. Inform them of liturgy dates.*

CONFIRMATION II **SERVICE**

Christian Service is a personal response to God's invitation to love our neighbor. In the Gospels, there are many examples of Jesus reaching out to those in need. In our families, in our parish and civic communities, and in our schools, we see many people in need. By your service, you will be responding to those needs, thereby living the Gospel message.

- You are to provide a **minimum** of 10 hours of service. Christian service is a lifelong invitation, so whatever is begun now could be continued far beyond Confirmation.
- The dates and time you spend in service are to be recorded and signed by the person supervising your service.

Following are some areas of Christian Service you might choose to participate in. Placements are done on a first come, first serve basis:

1. **PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM**

Work in Religious Education Administration Office as an office assistant (One time per week 2 hrs.)
Contact: Ellen Steinberg and/or Linda Oristano for information.

2. **PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY**

Help seniors in our parish community by raking or shoveling snow.
Contact: Parish Social Ministry at 261-2485 Ext. 111.

KIDS TO KIDS – TBA

3. **COFFEE HOUR VOLUNTEERS**

LEVEL 6-7-8
Assist the staff of the monthly coffee hour (11:30 – 1:30 pm) 2 hours
Contact: Mrs. Terry Breen for information at 631-405-8754

4. **CHOIR**

Join the Youth/Teen Mass on the Fourth Sunday of the month.
Contact: Mrs. Diane Gudmundsen – 261-2485 Ext. 150

5. **ALTAR SERVERS**

Serve at Mass on Sundays
Contact: Mrs. Terry Pace 261-2485 Ext. 100

6. **YOUTH MINISTRY**

For opportunities through Youth Ministry
Contact: Mrs. Margaret Nogan – 631-261-2485 Ext. 117

7. **ORGANIZE A COAT DRIVE**

Collect gently used coats for men, women, or children and deliver them to Nina's Pizza.
Coats will be accepted from November 1st – November 30th.
The owners of Nina's will be donating these to a shelter in the community
Upon delivering the coats, you will receive a free slice of pizza!

8. **NORTHPORT-EAST NORTHPORT LIBRARY**

151 Laurel Avenue	185 Larkfield Road
Northport, N.Y. 11768	East Northport, N. Y. 11731
261-6930	261-2313

9. **PUBLIC SCHOOL VOLUNTEER PROGRAMS**

NORTHPORT MIDDLE SCHOOL

Your service would include:

- . Peer leadership
- . Peer tutoring
- . Student Council
- . National Honor Society
- . Morning P.A. announcements

Coordinator: Contact your Guidance Counselor or Faculty Advisor

EAST NORTHPORT MIDDLE SCHOOL

Your service would include:

- . Peer tutoring
- . Community Service Club
- . National Honor Society
- . Peer facilitation (Student Resolution)
- . Stars

Coordinator: Contact your Guidance Counselor or Faculty Advisor

10. **ORGANIZE FOOD COLLECTIONS FOR DONATION TO THE FOOD PANTRY**

NOTE: The service that is being provided by your child needs to be signed off by the person in charge of the program. However, if service was performed already, then a letter from the organization or person that it was performed with will need to be sent in with the original signature to the Faith Formation Office.

Sunday Gospel Reflection

Your Name _____ Grade _____
 First Name Last Name

Priest _____ Church _____

(Please circle the date of the Gospel reflection you are writing.)

January 29, 2017	<u>4th Sunday in Ordinary Time</u>	<u>Matthew 5: 1-12</u>
February 26, 2017	<u>8th Sunday in Ordinary Time</u>	<u>Matthew 6: 24-34</u>
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In your own words, what was the **Gospel** about?

What lesson from the **Gospel** can you bring into your daily life?

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➤ **Please write at least 3 sentences for each question.**

➤ **Please make sure that your writing is thoughtful and legible.**

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CONFIRMATION SERVICE HOURS

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ **Teacher** _____

Date	Hours Worked	Type of Service	Supervisor
1. _____	_____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	_____	_____
4. _____	_____	_____	_____
5. _____	_____	_____	_____
6. _____	_____	_____	_____
7. _____	_____	_____	_____
8. _____	_____	_____	_____
9. _____	_____	_____	_____
10. _____	_____	_____	_____

COMPLETED SERVICE REFLECTION SHEET

Briefly, describe what it was like for you to do service?

How did this service enable you to respond to Jesus' invitation to love your neighbor and thereby build your own faith?

How can you continue to develop your faith once you are confirmed?

Signed _____



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TESTIMONY OF DESIGNATED SPONSOR

The role of sponsor is an important one for the Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation. Today some may see the role as honorary, but the Church sees the sponsor, popularly called a godparent, as a fully-initiated Catholic who actively supports the newly Baptized or Confirmed by good example and instruction in the Christian life.

In order to be admitted to the role of sponsor, the law of the Church directs that a person must be designated specifically by the parents of the infant or the individual who is to be baptized or confirmed. To be a sponsor, a person must be a Catholic, at least sixteen years of age, and have already received the Sacraments of the Most Holy Eucharist and Confirmation. In addition, he or she must be leading a life in harmony with the faith and not be bound by a canonical penalty.

I, _____, declare that I have been chosen to act as a sponsor for _____, who is to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on _____ at the Church of _____ in _____.

In assuming this responsibility, I testify that:

- **I am at least sixteen years of age.**
- **I have received the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist.**
- **I am living a life in harmony with the teachings of the Catholic Church in faith and morals.**

Understanding the role of sponsor as prescribed by the Church and aware of the obligations and responsibilities of this role, I attest that I am willing and able to accept the role of sponsor in the Catholic Church.

By my signature, I solemnly swear that I fulfill all of the requirements to be a sponsor as described above. I attest to the truth of this statement, so help me God.

Date

Designated Sponsor

Parish

Pastor/Delegate

Parish Seal: