

Confirmation 2011-2012
Information for:
Candidates and Parents



The Parish of St. Philip the Apostle
Saddle Brook, New Jersey

Confirmation Program Outline

In preparing for Confirmation, students are expected to attend sixth and seventh grade Religious Education classes before enrolling in the eighth grade Confirmation program. In outline, our Confirmation program is:

I. Eighth Grade Year:

- Community Worship
- Commitment Ceremony
- Parent/Student Meetings
- Religious Education Classes
- Study Guide
- Time, Talent, and Treasure
- Confirmation Name
- Confirmation Sponsor
- Confirmation Interview
- Letters to the Bishop
- Mandatory Confirmation Retreat
- Sacrament of Penance
- Confirmation Liturgy Rehearsal
- Confirmation Liturgy

II. After Confirmation:

- Attend Weekly Mass
- Participate in Youth Group
- Continue to volunteer and serve others
- Spread the Good News as Disciples of Christ

Please contact the Office of Religious Education for questions and details regarding

The Confirmation Program

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<http://www.reled-stphilipsb.org>

7th Grade

St. Philip the Apostle Stewardship
 Parish or Community Service Projects

8th Grade

Service Project Name _____ Service Date(s) _____

Confirmation Candidate's Name _____

Catechist/Teacher's Name _____

Reflection on the service project-Recipient of Service Project _____

Work/Project entailed _____

What you did to achieve goal _____

THIS FORM SHOULD BE COMPLETED AND BROUGHT TO CLASS IMMEDIATELY UPON COMPLETION OF THE SERVICE.

Service Project Supervisor's Signature _____ Date Signed _____

I verify that the above Confirmation Candidate assisted in the above service project.

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Saint Research Project

Use these questions only as a guide to complete your saint project. Project must be submitted in essay format and with desired picture(s).

- 1) My name is _____ and the saint I chose to pray to and imitate in my preparation for Confirmation is “ _____ ”
- 2) I chose this Saint's name (can be either male or female) for my Confirmation name because:
- 3) Pretend you are the saint's biographer. Write a summary of your saint's life story.
- 4) What event in the life of this saint most impressed you? Why?
- 5) What special virtues did this saint have?
- 6) How could you imitate this saint today? Be specific!
- 7) Explain why your Confirmation name is meaningful to you.

Due on Monday November 24, 2011

The Role and Eligibility of the Sponsor
According to the Archdiocese of Newark

Role: Individual sponsors must be selected. A sponsor must be a person who knows the candidate and can help him/her on his/her spiritual journey and can share his/her own faith. This selection should be indicated at the beginning of the candidate's immediate preparation. Ideally, it should be someone who has been already involved in the spiritual formation of the candidate (*remote preparation*), such as a godparent or member of the local parish.

Opportunity for the inclusion of the sponsor should be provided during the candidate's immediate preparation program in order to enhance the sponsor's role in the final rite.

Eligibility: ***A sponsor:***

- Must be at least sixteen years old.
- Must a practicing member of the Catholic Church and have been initiated in the three sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist.
- Must not be prohibited by law from exercising the role of sponsor.
- May be the same sponsor the individual had at Baptism.
- May be a new sponsor selected specifically for Confirmation.
- May be either male or female for any candidate.

Note: *Parents are no longer eligible as sponsors. (1983 — Code of Cannon Law.)*

Candidate's Name: _____

Sponsor's Name: _____

Sponsor's Relationship to Candidate (ex. Uncle, Friend...) _____

Sponsor's Address, _____

City, _____ State, _____, & Zip Code: _____

Sponsor's Phone Number: (_____) _____

Sponsor's Parish: Name of Church _____

Parish City / State: _____

- Whether your sponsor is or is not a member of St. Philip the Apostle Parish, he or she will need to obtain a currently signed and sealed Certificate of Eligibility (aka Sponsor Certificate) from his or her parish, stating that he or she is eligible to serve as a sponsor for a Confirmation candidate. Please have the Certificate sent to you, and not our office, so you may staple it to this page.
- Samples of Eligible Sponsor Certificate of Eligibility found on the next page. The actual form received may just be a typed letter. Each parish has their own form. Please note however, the form should not be the sponsor's own confirmation certificate when they received their sacrament.

_____ is a member of this parish and to the best of my
knowledge is a Catholic qualified to act as a sponsor for the Sacrament of Baptism and Confirmation.

Rev. _____ Dated: _____

Due on Monday, January 23, 2012

SAMPLE FORMAT
FOR
CONFIRMATION CANDIDATE'S LETTER TO THE BISHOP

Current Date

Dear Bishop:

In this first paragraph, tell the bishop that you have been preparing for the sacrament of Confirmation and that you would like to be confirmed, "Sealed with the Gift of the Holy Spirit."

In the next paragraph, tell him that you realize that in your teenage years, you will be expected to be more and more mature. Explain that this expectation will be true in your faith life as well, and that you would like to be strengthened by the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

In this third paragraph, tell the bishop all the ways in which you have been preparing for the sacrament of Confirmation. Tell him exactly what you have done so that you will be ready to receive this sacrament. Be sure to include not only information regarding your attendance over the years in the Religious Education program in the parish, but exactly what you have done to serve others, your church, and your community. Also tell him what you plan to do in the future (after you have been confirmed) to continue being of service.

In this final paragraph, tell the bishop that you have chosen to be part of the mission of Christ. Tell him that you are now formally requesting the sacrament of Confirmation.

Thank the bishop.

Sincerely,

{MUST BE SIGNED TO BE ACCEPTED}

John/Jane Jones
Confirmation candidate of
St. Philip the Apostle Parish

Please remember that the letter should be typed on the computer or handwritten on nice writing paper (a blank sheet of computer paper is fine. Lined notebook or notepad paper is NOT ok.) Letter format just like the above letter should be followed. Proofread your letter so that you do not have spelling mistakes, sentence fragments, or run on sentences. No scribbling, cross outs, or whiting out is allowed.

Due on Monday March 12, 2012

The Parish of St. Philip the Apostle

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Classes for Religious Education starts Monday, 09/26/2011 and ends Monday, 05/21/2012.

CONFIRMATION DUE DATES

Confirmation Fee of \$75 (Covers Retreat food & supplies, Bishop Fees, Stoles, Prayer tokens, etc...)	11/21/2011
Saint Project	11/21/2011
Name of Sponsor Form-St. Philip Parishioner	01/23/2012
Sponsor Certificate (Outside of St. Philips)	02/13/2012
Letter to Bishop	03/12/2012
Mandatory Confirmation Retreat	(Possible Dates) Any Sunday during the month of late September, October, or early November TBA

OTHER DATES

Commitment Service with Students & Parents	10/03/2011
Priest Interviews with both Student and Parent(s)	February 20, 2012 TBA
Spring Meeting with Parents	TBA
Confirmation Mass (Possible Dates)	10/17, 10/21, or 11/04/2012 TBA

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION CLASSES

Monday, November 21, 2011
Monday, January 23, 2012
Monday, February 13, 2012
Monday, March 12, 2012
Monday, April 16, 2012
Monday, May 14, 2012
