

Annunciation-Our Lady of Fatima
Religious Education Program
465 Westchester Avenue, Crestwood, NY 10707
914-779-2374

Confirmation Preparation Schedule – 2019-20

Thursday, Sept 26th or Thursday, Oct 3rd 8am-4pm Capuchin Retreat House 781 Rte 9D Garrison, NY	<u>Full day retreat at Capuchin Youth and Family Ministries</u> “Why Be Confirmed?” Busses leave Annunciation School at 8am and return at 4pm Permission slip is due Monday, Sept 23rd
Thursday, Nov 21st 7-9PM Annunciation Gym	<u>Confirmation Information Meeting and</u> <u>Presentation for Parents</u> by Tony Bellizzi Parents of Confirmation candidates expected to attend
Sunday, Nov 24th 10AM Annunciation LOWER Church	<u>Confirmation Inscription Mass</u> Confirmation Candidates and their families Reception to follow in Annunciation Gym
Friday, March 13th	<u>Sponsor Forms, Letter to Pastor, Confirmation Fee due</u>
Wednesday, April 1st	<u>Christian Activity Log due</u>
Tuesday, April 21st 10am group OR Tuesday, April 23rd 1pm group 6:30-8PM Annunciation Church	<u>Confirmation Practice</u> Confirmation Candidates accompanied by an adult (either sponsor or parent)
Saturday, April 25th 10AM and 1PM (assigned alphabetically)	<u>Confirmation</u> Confirmation Candidates and their Sponsors should arrive in the Annunciation Gym 20 minutes in advance of ceremony (Photographer available before Confirmation for formal pictures. Forms will be provided.)

**Parental Permission for Child's Participation in Parish-Sponsored Trip
DUE Monday, September 23rd to the Religious Ed Office**

Parish Name: Annunciation- Our Lady of Fatima

Description of Trip: Bus Trip to Capuchin Retreat House, Rte 9, Garrison, NY

Educational Purpose of the Trip: Confirmation Retreat

Date of Trip: September 26th OR October 3rd (PLEASE CIRCLE ONE)

To Whom It May Concern:

I hereby request that

my child, _____

be allowed to attend and participate in the activities connected with the trip to Capuchin Retreat House which will be held on either Thursday, September 26 OR Thursday, October 3rd.

I will provide for the transportation between my home and Annunciation School.

I understand that transportation between the parish premises to the destination of the trip will be provided by J&R Tours.

I understand that my child will leave the parish premises at 8AM and will return to the parish premises at approximately 4PM.

I understand that the Parish authorities will take reasonable precautions against accident, personal injury and loss of, or damage to, property while going to, from and at the site of the trip, but they or the Archdiocese of New York are not assuming any legal liability for any such occurrence except any liability based on their failure to take such reasonable precautions.

Students should bring a bag lunch including a drink (no glass please).

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date

Telephone # where parent/guardian can be reached during the duration of trip:

Home Address

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Confirmation Fee Payment
Due March 13, 2020

There is a \$150 Confirmation fee that covers the Confirmation Retreat, Confirmation robe, Confirmation book and other Confirmation-related expenses. (Professional photography is NOT covered.)

Student's Name _____

Parent's Name _____

Parent's e-mail _____

FOR ANNUNCIATION SCHOOL FAMILIES ONLY:

Church of Baptism _____

Address of Baptismal Church (if not local)

Date of Baptism _____

Father's Full Name _____

Mother's Maiden Name _____

Please make check out to "Annunciation-Our Lady of Fatima Parish" or **pay online** at <http://annunciation-fatima.com/religious-education/fee-payments/>

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**Christian Activity Log
Due April 1, 2020**

Confirmation Candidates are asked to complete **12 hours of Christian activities consisting of 4 hours of parish activities and 8 hours of service to others in the community.** All activities must be volunteer (unpaid) activities that the student does not usually perform and must be approved by a parent.

Name: _____

has completed the following activities:

Community Service Activities <i>Date/Activity/Location</i>	# of hours (total of 8)
Parish Activities <i>Date/Activity/Location</i>	# of hours (total of 4)

I am pleased to verify the completion of the above activities.

Parent signature

Date

Confirmation Candidate signature

Date

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Letter of Request to the Bishop
Due March 13, 2020

Confirmation Candidates are asked to formally request the reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation by writing a letter to Bishop Massa. Please use the following format. The letter may be typed or neatly handwritten.

Greeting

Begin your letter with the greeting: *Dear Bishop Massa,*

Body of the Letter

Paragraph 1: Introduce yourself. Tell the bishop something about your family, your background, what grade you are in, where you go to school and your interests.

Paragraph 2: Request the sacrament. Give some reasons why you would like to be confirmed and remain an active member of the Catholic Church.

Paragraph 3: Explain how you have prepared for the sacrament. It is important that you write 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 the bishop the name of your Confirmation sponsor and why you chose that person.

Paragraph 5: Tell the bishop your Confirmation name and why you chose that name.

Paragraph 6: Write about how you will continue to carry out your life of service to God and others through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Conclusion

Conclude the letter and write your complete signature. **ALSO, PLEASE ASK YOUR PARENT TO SIGN THE LETTER.**

Please place your letter in a sealed envelope. Please put your name and your Confirmation name on the **OUTSIDE** of the envelope.

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Information Regarding the Choice of a Confirmation Sponsor and Confirmation Name

When choosing a Confirmation Sponsor, you should choose a person who is fully initiated into the Catholic Church (meaning, he or she has received Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation), who regularly practices his or her faith within the Catholic Church by attending weekly Mass and is someone you think is a good Christian role model for you. You may choose a family member, if you would like, but not your mother or father.

When choosing a Confirmation Name, you should choose a name of a saint that is inspirational to you. By choosing this name, you should feel that this saint reflects a characteristic that you want to shine forth from you too!

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**Confirmation Sponsor Form
Due March 13, 2020**

This is to certify that _____
(Sponsor's Name)

of _____
(Name of Parish)

accepts the invitation to be Sponsor at the Confirmation of

(Confirmation Candidate's Name)

I affirm that I am a baptized, confirmed and practicing Catholic in good standing

(Signature of Sponsor)

Sponsors are to ask their parish priest to complete the following section:

PRIEST'S CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that _____ is in good standing in
(Name of Sponsor)
this parish and meets the requirements for Confirmation Sponsorship.

Parish Seal
here

Signed _____
Rev. _____
Date _____
Parish _____
Address _____
