

**First Year Confirmation Program
2017-2018 Sunday's 6:30-8:45PM
Mass 6:30-7:15pm / Class 7:15-8:30pm
Antioch 8:30-8:45pm**

September

- 10 Parent/Candidate Meeting 5:30pm/ Mass 6:30pm**
Handout books/"Why am I here?"- Introduction
- 24 Mass/ "What makes me happy?"- Discovering God as the Source**

October

- 8 Evening of Reflection; arrive 3:45pm for sign in, dismissal 8:45pm (No Mass)**
- 22 Mass/ "What's your story God?"- A Look at Salvation History**

November

- 5 Mass/ "How do I know God is real?"- Understanding Divine Revelation**
- 19 Mass/ "Who is Jesus?"- The Person and Mission of Christ**

December

- 3 Mass/ "Why be Catholic?"- Discovering the Church Jesus Founded**

*****Christmas Break*****

January

- 7 Mass/ "Where am I going"- A Look at the Four Last Things**
No Classes for 1st year 1/14 or 1/21
- 28 Mass/ "How did I get there?"- The Power and Purpose of the Sacraments**

February

- 11 Mass/ "When did my journey begin?"- Baptism, Your Initiation into God's Family**
- 25 Mass/"Why do I have to go to Mass?"- Encountering Jesus in the Eucharist**

March

- 11 Mass/ "Why tell my sins to a Priest?"- The Healing Power of Confession**
- 18 Mass/ "How does God help when it hurts?"- Anointing of the Sick**
- 30 Good Friday- Living Stations of the Cross 3:00pm**

***Families are welcome and encouraged to attend Mass on Sunday evenings with
their Candidates.***

Mass attendance is expected.

A 6:30pm Mass will be offered each Sunday evening before the Confirmation Program begins. Candidates and their families are welcomed and encouraged to attend. If the candidate attends earlier in the day with their family they can arrive for class between 7:00-7:15pm.

Envelopes:

All candidates are asked to use their envelopes each time they come to Mass. This is how we keep a record of their Mass attendance. If you attend Mass at another church please have one of the bulletins signed by the Priest as you leave and turn it in the next Sunday we have class. If you forget your envelope there are extra envelopes on the window sill in the atrium, put your name and the word "Confirmation" on it and place it in the collection basket. You will not get credit for Mass attendance if you do not use your envelopes.

Class time:

All Sunday evenings will begin with Mass (45 min); followed by class time (1 hr. 15 min); and will conclude with the entire group closing with the Antioch TEAM in Boland Hall (15 min).

Attendance:

Sunday night attendance is expected for each candidate, there are 13 class nights and candidates are allowed only 3 absences throughout the year. All candidates are also expected to attend the "Living Stations of the Cross" on Good Friday.

Cancellation due to inclement weather:

In the case of inclement weather the decision will be made by 3:00pm on the day in question. You will be notified by email, or you can call the church number and go to my extension for an update; 973-827-3248 ext. 328. Notice will also be posted on the web page www.stfrancisvernon.org and on our Facebook page.