

**First Year Confirmation Program  
2016-2017  
Sunday's 6:30-8:45PM  
Mass 6:30-7:15pm / Class 7:15-8:45pm**

September

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

October

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

November

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

December

- 4 Mass/ Antioch Night- Advent & the Christmas Season**

\*\*\*\*\*Christmas Break\*\*\*\*\*

January

- 8 Mass/ "Why be Catholic?"- Discovering the Church Jesus Founded**
- 22 Mass/ "Why Wait?"- God's Plan for Love and Sex & the Sanctity of Life**

February

- 12 Mass/ "How do I get there?"- The Power and Purpose of the Sacraments**
- 26 Mass/"When did my journey begin?"- Baptism, Your Initiation into God's Family**

March

- 12 Mass/ "Why tell my Sins to a Priest?"- The Healing Power of Confession**
- 26 Mass/ Antioch Night- What is Lent?**

April

- 9 Mass/ "Why do I have to go to Mass?"- Encountering Jesus in the Eucharist**
- 14 Good Friday- Living Stations of the Cross 3:00pm**

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

## **Mass:**

### ***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.

## **Attendance:**

Sunday night attendance is expected for each candidate, there are 14 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. 249. Notice will also be posted on the web page [www.stfrancisvernon.org](http://www.stfrancisvernon.org) and on our Facebook page.