



St Luke Parish 2017-18

Confirmation Handbook

Grade 10 - Phase II

Opening prayer

*Lord, you have blessed us abundantly
with gifts and talents,
With enthusiasm, energy and the desire to serve you.
Gratefully we look to you for guidance and direction
As we discern what it is you may be calling us to.
We pray for the young people who are participating in
the Confirmation process-
gift them with open hearts to hear your call.
Help us to be the people of the Gospel
who your Son, Jesus, calls us to be.
Bless us and bless this community.
Bless the young people who are your disciples.
We pray this in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.*

Administrative Staff

Pastor ~ Father Michael J. Drury

876-3515

Director of Religious Education ~ Maureen Murtagh

876-3515 ext 16
maureen@stlukelv.org

Youth Minister ~ Nina Dornon

876-3515 x18
nina@stlukelv.org

Dear Second Year Candidate for the Sacrament of Confirmation,

The story of your life as a Christian began at your Baptism. You were marked with the sign of the cross which symbolized you being welcomed into the Christian community and being claimed by Christ as a disciple. You were anointed by chrism as a sign that you were given the gift of the Holy Spirit. You received the grace to avoid sin and live as a child of God. Baptized with water and the Spirit, you were marked forever as belonging to Christ. Promises were made in your name by your parents and godparents. These promises committed you to be a follower of Jesus Christ. As a disciple of Jesus, you are to speak and act as Jesus would in every situation in your life.

Now your faith journey brings you to the Sacrament of Confirmation. Confirmation offers you a special challenge to spread the faith by both word and action and to strive to live as a true witness of Christ. You will renew the promises made at Baptism and will again be anointed with chrism. By choosing to be confirmed, you are saying that you desire and are willing to make a lifelong commitment to serve as Jesus did. This is an essential element in the Sacrament of Confirmation. Being sealed with the gift of the Spirit will empower you to keep your word and fulfill your promises.

Please share this letter with your parents. The person who is ready and serious about receiving Confirmation has cause for celebration, because that person, confirmed in the Spirit, can do great things in the Church and among God's people. Without your commitment to our faith and Jesus, your day of Confirmation will be just another day with no special meaning.

The Church asks you to demonstrate your desire to commit yourself to this sacrament and the Catholic faith in many ways. You are asked to commit yourself to developing your personal prayer life. This includes your own daily prayer routine as well as participating at Mass on Sunday and receiving the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist regularly. You are asked to give time to study and learn more about the Church and the sacraments. You are asked to reach out to others (serve others) as you witness your faith in God who loves you deeply and desires your commitment to serve Him, love Him and praise Him. This is not an easy undertaking and it cannot be taken lightly. Still, it should be an exciting, happy and fulfilling time for you, your parents and your sponsor.

At this time of your preparation, the Church looks to you for signs of growth and maturity which give evidence of service and witness to Christ by the way you live and interact in the broader picture of neighborhood, school and parish. This is a lot to think about. Identify people in your life who are examples of good Catholic Christians and who will support you in these months of preparation. We, your teachers and catechists, promise to guide you in your understanding and knowledge of what you are about to undertake. The community of St. Luke is praying for you as well.

May God's graces be with you as you continue on your faith journey in preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Maureen Murtagh

Maureen Murtagh
Director of Religious Education

PREPARATION FOR THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION IS:

1. **A Time to Pray** – Communicate with God

Develop a personal plan of prayer – set aside a time during each day to talk to God. During this time you can pray memorized prayers or just talk to God in your own prayer words. Ask Mary, your patron saint or the saint name you should choose for Confirmation to pray for you, too.

Examine your conscience often and know that you are being the best person you can be at all times.

Say the Act of Contrition and listen to the words as you pray the prayer.

Attend Mass each Sunday and on Holy Days.

2. **A Time to Study**

Learn about the Church and the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Put thought and effort into every lesson, every chapter in your book, every question and answer you read and every assignment you complete.

Prepare each lesson carefully and turn it in on time.

3. **A Time to Express Your Desire to be Confirmed**

You will be asked to write 2 letters.

- One will be to our Pastor, Fr. Mike
- The other one will be to the visiting Bishop. This will be discussed in depth during the year.

4. **A Time to Begin a Lifetime Commitment to Witness and Service.**

Candidates for the Sacrament of Confirmation are asked to demonstrate their desire to accept the fuller commitment to God and His Church through obvious acts of service to others. Reaching out to others is a process of moving from selfishness to *selflessness*. Young people like you work wonders by volunteering in loving service. By accepting the commitment to serve you are showing that you understand that the life of a confirmed Catholic Christian is one of witness faith by doing for others, even in very small ways. Blessed Teresa of Calcutta told us to “*do small things with great love and that is the best way to imitate the great love of Jesus.*” Your service and witness begins in your own home and moves into your parish, your neighborhood and your community.

CONFIRMATION: WHAT IS EXPECTED

(For the Candidates, Parents, Catechists, Sponsors)

Each candidate for the sacrament of Confirmation is encouraged to know the Lord in a personal and intimate way, to experience a sense of belonging to the Christian community, and to respond to the Gospel mandate of Christian service.

Candidates for the Sacrament of Confirmation

- ✘ are expected to participate in Sunday Mass and receive the sacraments regularly.
- ✘ are expected to attend all regularly scheduled classes in the Confirmation program.
- ✘ that are in 10th grade are expected to participate in a ministry partnership at St. Luke.
- ✘ are expected to demonstrate Christian charity and kindness to others, especially other catechists and other Confirmation candidates.

MINISTRY PARTNERSHIP

Service is based on the spiritual and corporal works of mercy, and most of all, on the example of Christ who came to serve.

This year, all 2nd year Confirmation candidates will be required to share ONE HOUR A MONTH with an adult volunteer who is actively involved in one of our parish's ministries.

Some examples are:

Altar Care	Antioch	Buildings & Grounds	
CYO Basketball	Hospitality	Liturgy of the Word with Children	
Special Needs Ministry	Environment	Choir	Human Concerns
Vacation Bible School	Usher / Welcomer	Religious Education	

All contact information can be found in our parish bulletin and a sample letter introducing yourself is below. This is a wonderful opportunity for your parish community to offer you support and guidance. You will learn about a ministry and you may discover you like it!

EXAMPLE ~ Letter or Email to Ministries

Dear _____

My name is _____ and I am a Confirmation Phase II candidate, and will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation in the spring.

I would like to volunteer an hour of service a month to your ministry so that I may find out more about things that go on in our church as I work towards Confirmation.

Please email me at _____ or call me at _____ so that we can work out a time and date when it is convenient for both of us.

Thank you,

WHAT IS CONFIRMATION???

CONFIRMATION IS...

- a sign of God's special love.
- an invitation to deepen our relationship to God our Creator, Redeemer, Spirit.
- a time to deepen our involvement in our faith community.
- a profession of faith by personally proclaiming our baptismal vows.
- an outpouring of the gifts of the Holy Spirit.
- an anointing with chrism – a sealing, marking or branding – as God's own.
- an acknowledgement of spiritual maturity.
- a lifelong challenge to live the way of Jesus, to pray individually and as members of the Church throughout the world.
- a lifelong challenge to build up the Body of Christ through worship, formation, evangelization and service.
- a call to be a sign of God's presence.

The Sacrament of Confirmation: Baptism, the Eucharist and the Sacrament of Confirmation together constitute the "Sacraments of Christian Initiation," whose unity must be safeguarded. It must be explained to the faithful that the reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation is necessary for the completion of baptismal grace. For "by the Sacrament of Confirmation, (the baptized) are more perfectly bound to the Church and are enriched with a special strength of the Holy Spirit. Hence they are, as true witnesses of Christ, more strictly obliged to spread and defend the faith by word and deed." (CCC 1285)

The Rite of Confirmation (CCC 1293-1301)

Laying of Hands (CCC 1299)

Chrism (CCC 1293-1296)

The Effects of Confirmation (CCC 1302-1305)

Who can receive the Sacrament of Confirmation? (CCC 1306-1311)

Who is the minister of Confirmation? (CCC 1312-1314)

HOLY SPIRIT

The Holy Spirit

Jesus promised to send the Holy Spirit to be within us and remain with us forever. The Holy Spirit, the Third Person of the Blessed Trinity, came at the Pentecost and is present in a special way in the community of the Church. When we answer God's invitation to love Him and one another, the Holy Spirit is at work.

Pentecost

Pentecost is the celebration of the promised gift of the Holy Spirit and the birth of the universal Church.

Pentecost is celebrated 50 days after Easter.

Fruits of the Holy Spirit

- ❖ Love
- ❖ Joy
- ❖ Peace
- ❖ Patience
- ❖ Kindness
- ❖ Goodness
- ❖ Faithfulness
- ❖ Humility
- ❖ Self-Control

THE GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

P**iet**y (**R**e**v**er**e**n**c**e) – The gift of reverence helps us to see God as a most loving Father and all people as our brothers and sisters. It encourages us to praise God freely and to respect all.

U**nder**standing – The gift of understanding leads us to beyond just knowing the beliefs of the Church. It helps us grasp the meaning of what we believe so that our Christian faith makes a difference in the way we live.

F**ort**itude (**C**our**a**ge) – The gift of courage helps us to be strong in our beliefs as Christians. It helps us choose what is right in spite of the hardship we might suffer for having chosen what is good.

W**is**dom – The gift of wisdom helps us look upon life as a great and remarkable gift from God. It helps us judge all the events in our lives according to our belief in God.

A**w**e (**W**onder) – The gift of wonder and awe in God's presence helps us respect the goodness and majesty of God. It helps us value God's plan for the workload and desire to build up the kingdom of God on earth.

C**oun**sel (**R**ight **J**udgment) – The gift of right judgment helps us to see the right and good things to do among the many choices we have to make every day. It helps us choose the right way to act when we have to decide.

K**now**ledge – The gift of knowledge helps us to be certain in our minds and hearts that God calls us to live a life of goodness and love wherever we are; at home, in school, or with friends.

CONFIRMATION: THE ROLE OF THE PARENTS - For Parents and Guardians

Parents are the ones who present their children for the sacrament of Baptism and, in doing so, accept the privilege of bringing up their children to love God and neighbor. Throughout a child's life, parents, by their daily example and witness, lead their children in the way of holiness. Parents are the primary religious educators of their children, so much so that there is not an adequate substitute.

In the parish's preparation for Confirmation, parents of Confirmation candidates are asked to assume the following responsibilities.

- ✘ Parents are encouraged to work closely with their child, his or her sponsor, catechists, and the pastoral staff during the year of preparation for the sacrament of Confirmation
- ✘ Parents are encouraged to assist the candidate's spiritual formation through prayer, attending Mass together and family discussion.
- ✘ Parents are asked to attend the parent orientation meeting at the beginning of the sacrament preparation.
- ✘ Parents are asked to encourage and support the candidate's participation in ministry partnership and in one of the retreat evenings.
- ✘ Parents are asked to encourage and supervise the candidate's participation in parish ministry as well as his or her hours of service.
- ✘ Parents are asked to remember to pray for all the families who are preparing for the sacrament of Confirmation.
- ✘ Parents are asked to volunteer to assist with the Confirmation program in any way that they are able. Please check the parish Sunday bulletin for time and meeting dates of various parish organizations. Keep an eye out for opportunities to participate in the Confirmation preparation.

CONFIRMATION SPONSORS - For the Candidate

About Sponsors - Throughout life you have received the support of family members and other caring people. They have fed and clothed you, listened to you and offered guidance, given you assistance and comfort. At Baptism you entered the Church with the support of parents and godparents. Speaking for you, they promised to raise you in the Catholic faith and watch out for you.

At Confirmation, however, you stand by yourself and renew those vows spoken for you at Baptism. The Church considers you old enough to assume this responsibility. But there is still present a special person – your Confirmation sponsor – who will stand with you and present you to the bishop. This person will be a support to you as you prepare to receive that sacrament.

Because there is this close connection between the sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation, the Church recommends that a person's godmother or godfather be the Confirmation sponsor. A man may be a sponsor for a young girl; a woman may be a sponsor for a young boy.

About Choosing A Sponsor - When considering a person as a possible sponsor, think about the following.

My Confirmation sponsor must be:

- ✘ A person who lives his or her Catholic faith.
- ✘ A person who is an example of Christian living.
- ✘ Baptized and confirmed in the Church.
- ✘ At least 16 years of age.
- ✘ Able to understand his or her responsibilities and mature enough to accept them.
- ✘ A regular participant in Sunday Mass and recipient of the Eucharist.

SHARING YOUR FAITH – For the Sponsor

Young people choose as their Confirmation sponsors people whom they admire. As a sponsor, you are asked to fulfill the minimal requirement of being present at the actual celebration of the sacrament of Confirmation. But your role as a sponsor is much richer and deeper. Keep a few of these ideas in mind as you accompany your candidate on his or her journey of faith.

- ✘ **Be Honest** - Young people need steady guidance when they feel unsure or confused about their faith. You don't have to be a faith expert, but you do need to speak honestly to your candidate about the struggles and triumphs you have experienced. Take time to share the stories of how God has been present in your life. Mention God's guidance and support in your relationships, education, and family life. If your candidate asks you a question you cannot answer, seek the answer together.
- ✘ **Find Time** - You may need to make the first move. Call or write or e-mail your candidate just to check in. Build in extra time to take a walk, talk together, or meet at a game, the pizza place, or a bench in the mall. Time spent together is a wonderful gift that you can give to the young person. Talk with your candidate about his or her goals in life, values, and hopes for the future.
- ✘ **Pray** - Be mindful of this new person who has chosen you. Pray for your candidate daily. Pray together with the young person from time to time.
- ✘ **Give a Gift** - Give your candidate a religious gift. Present him or her with a personal copy of the Bible, a book on the saints, a book of daily prayers or other spiritual reading. The gift will be more personal if it has special meaning for you.
- ✘ **Grow In Faith** - Make an intentional effort to nurture your own faith. Your Christian witness is a gift to the candidate that invites him or her to choose the same Christian life.

CHOOSING A CONFIRMATION NAME

Christian Names ~ In the Bible, conversion to following God is often symbolized by a change in name: Abram becomes Abraham, Simon becomes Peter, Saul becomes Paul. At Baptism we receive a name to symbolize our new life in Christ. Traditionally, the Christian receives his/her name in the Church. This name can be the name of a saint, that is someone who has lived a life like Christ, or it can also express a Christian mystery or virtue.

Your name gives you an identity: it tells others who you are. When you were baptized, your parents chose your name. If you do not know your parents' reasons for choosing your name, ask them about it. Now that you are about to be confirmed, it is time for you to reaffirm your Baptism by using the name you received at Baptism, or choose another.

The tradition of taking a new name to show a new role can be traced back to the Old Testament. When Abram was called to lead his people to believe in the one God, his name was changed from Abram, meaning "father to many" to Abraham, meaning "father to many nations." Again in the New Testament we find Simon's name changed to Peter, meaning "rock," because he was to become the rock upon which Jesus founded His Church.

****YOUR CHOICE OF A NAME MUST BE THAT OF A RECOGNIZED CATHOLIC SAINT****

THE STORY OF YOUR SAINT

After you decide on a name, write a minimum one page, typed report to explain your choice. Your report should be a summary of your saint's life story. Your saint report should answer the following questions.

- 1) Who was the saint?
 - 2) What is the saint's feast day?
 - 3) What did he/she do to make them a saint?
 - 4) What special virtues did this saint have?
 - 5) What do you admire about him/her?
 - 6) Why did you choose this saint?
 - 7) By imitating the qualities of this saint, how can you become a better Christian?
- An illustration of your saint, or a symbol, or a coat of arms that represent him/her should be included.
 - If your saint has a special devotional prayer or novena, this should be included.
 - Remember that in choosing, that you choose a saint that you want to be like. Maybe he/she had the same struggles as you and had a way of working with those struggles that you admire.

PLEASE HAND IN YOUR SAINT REPORT TO THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE

NO LATER THAN SUNDAY, JANUARY 7, 2018

REQUESTING THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

You are free to respond to God's call to live your faith more deeply – to worship witness and serve as a confirmed Roman Catholic. If you wish to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, **write a letter to your Pastor and the Bishop** stating your desire. Below are a few guidelines for you to follow:

Greeting:

Dear Fr. Mike and Dear Bishop, (When addressing the Bishop's letter **do not** use a specific Bishop's name)

Body of the Letter:

Paragraph 1: Introduce yourself with your full name. Tell something about your family and your background.

Paragraph 2: Request reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation. 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 other sacraments

Your service for others exercised at home, in the parish and in the community.

Paragraph 4: Tell how you will continue to carry out your life of service to God and others through the power of the Holy Spirit. Tell how you plan to make your Confirmation in the faith real and alive in the future.

Conclusion:

Conclude the letter with a closing and complete with your signature.

PLEASE DO NOT PUT THESE LETTERS IN ENVELOPES

YOU WILL SUBMIT 2 LETTERS

ONE TO FATHER MIKE AND ONE TO THE BISHOP

PLEASE ADDRESS THE BISHOP LETTER – “DEAR BISHOP”

YOUR LETTERS MUST BE RETURNED TO THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE

NO LATER THAN SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2018

CONFIRMATION FINAL ASSESSMENT STUDY GUIDE

"Confirmation perfects Baptismal grace; it is the sacrament which gives the Holy Spirit in order to root us more deeply in the divine filiations, incorporate us more firmly into Christ, strengthen our bond with the Church, associate us more closely with her mission, and help us bear witness to the Christian faith in words accompanied by deeds." (CCC 1316)

The following list includes the basic terms and concepts that you should know and understand in order to be fully prepared to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation and to do well on your test. You should be able to explain the significance of each of the following items. This is not a complete list of all things you should know about the Catholic faith, but it is a solid foundation on which to build.

Some of this is fairly new information, but most of it should already be quite familiar to you. The goal here is not just to memorize, but to show what you know about your faith. This list is in no particular order.

Holy Trinity:

Father (Creator), Son (Redeemer) and the Holy Spirit (Sanctifier)

Attributes of God

Mystery of the Incarnation

Paschal Mystery

What is Grace:

Grace

Actual Grace

Sanctifying Grace

Faith:

The Blessed Virgin Mary:

Immaculate Conception

Perpetual Virginity

The Assumption

Two Greatest Commandments:

- 1) You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind and with all your strength.
- 2) You shall love your neighbor as yourself.

Seven Sacraments

Sacraments of Initiation

Baptism

Confirmation

Eucharist

Sacraments of Healing

Reconciliation

Anointing of the Sick

Sacraments of Vocation

Matrimony

Holy Orders

The Ten Commandments

1. I, the Lord, am your God, who brought you out of that place of slavery. You shall not have other God's besides me.
2. You shall not take the name of the LORD, your God, in vain.
3. Remember to keep holy the Sabbath day.
4. Honor your father and mother.
5. You shall not kill.
6. You shall not commit adultery.
7. You shall not steal.
8. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.
9. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife.
10. You shall not covet your neighbor's house – nor anything else that belongs to him.

The Corporal Works of Mercy

- Feed the hungry
- Give drink to the thirsty
- Shelter the homeless
- Clothe the naked
- Care for the sick
- Help those imprisoned
- Bury the dead

The Spiritual Works of Mercy

- Share knowledge
- Give advice to those who need it
- Comfort those who suffer
- Be patient with others
- Forgive those who hurt you
- Give correction to those who need it
- Pray for others

Theological Virtues:

Faith

Hope

Love

Cardinal Virtues:

Prudence

Justice

Fortitude

Temperance

Four Marks of the Catholic Church:

One

Holy

Catholic

Apostolic

Liturgical Year and Important Events

- Advent
- Christmas Time
- Ordinary Time
- Lent
- Triduum
- Easter Time
- Ordinary Time
- Pentecost
- Ascension

THE MASS

The four parts of the Mass are:

1. Introductory Rite

- Opening Song
- Greetings
- Penitential Rite
- Gloria

2. Liturgy of the Word

- First Reading – from the Old or New Testament
- Responsorial Psalm
- Second Reading – from the New Testament
- Gospel
- Homily
- Creed – Nicene or Apostles' Creed
- Prayers of Intercession

3. Liturgy of the Eucharist

- Presentation of the Gift
- Offertory
 - Prayer over the Gifts
 - Washing of the Hands
- Eucharistic Prayer
- Consecration
- Eucharist
- Lord's Prayer
- Sign of Peace
- Lamb o God

4. Concluding Rite

- Blessing
- Dismissal

SIN is freely choosing to do what we know to be wrong. We disobey God's law on purpose. Sin includes any action, omission, attitude or social structure through which people deliberately choose not to love God, or themselves.

Mortal Sin is a total break in our relationship with God, having full knowledge that something is very serious and wrong, and deliberately doing it.

Venial Sin is knowing and freely choosing to do something that is wrong but it is not so serious as to break your relationship with God.

Social Sin is a sin such as racism, sexism and ageism that we commit together.

Original Sin is the first sin of humanity. All of us are born into original sin and we suffer from its effects.

Personal Sin is words or actions against God's Law.

Capital Sin is greed, anger, envy, lust, pride, sloth and gluttony.

Precepts of the Church:

- 1) Assist at Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of obligation, doing no unnecessary physical work on those days.
- 2) Confess serious sins at least once a year.
- 3) Receive Holy Communion frequently and, at a minimum, during the Easter season.
- 4) Fast and abstain on days appointed.
- 5) Contribute to the support of the Church.
- 6) Observe the laws of the Church concerning marriage and give religious training to one's children by word, example and use of parish schools.
- 7) Join in the missionary spirit and work of the Church.

Important Questions:

Each candidate should be able to answer the following questions.

- ✘ What do Catholic Christians celebrate together in the Eucharist?
- ✘ What are the gifts of the Holy Spirit?
- ✘ What happens in the sacrament of Confirmation?
- ✘ What does it mean to live as a Christian?
- ✘ Why did Jesus die on the cross?
- ✘ What do you know about each of the persons of the Trinity?
- ✘ What is the Church?

10TH GRADE 2017-18 CONFIRMATION CALENDAR

Attendance is required at all Confirmation events and attendance will be taken.

Page references refer to the handbook - Please make copies of EVERYTHING you hand in

September 10	5:00pm Candidate/Parent Confirmation Orientation 6:00pm Mass
October 8	Confirmation Classes meet and attend the 6:00pm Mass <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Middle Interview Due – page 17▪ Confirmation Covenant Due – page 18▪ Confirmation Date Request Due – page 19
October 22	Confirmation Classes meet
November 5	Confirmation Classes meet and attend the 6:00pm Mass
November 19	Confirmation Classes meet
December 3	Confirmation Classes meet and attend the 6:00pm Mass
<i>December 17</i>	<i>Class make-up date in case of a cancellation</i>
Monday, December 18	8:00pm Advent Service of Reconciliation
January 7	Confirmation Classes meet and attend the 6:00pm Mass <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Saint Report Due – refer to page 10▪ Confirmation Sponsor Information Sheet Due – page 20▪ Sponsor Certification Due – page 21
January 21	Confirmation Classes meet
<i>January 28</i>	<i>Class make-up date in case of a January cancellation</i>
Saturday, February 3	Confirmation Classes meet (3:30-5:00pm and 6:00-7:30pm) attend the 5:00pm Mass
February 18	Confirmation Classes meet <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Letters to the Bishop and Father Mike Due – refer to pg 11
<i>February 25</i>	<i>Class make-up date in case of a February cancellation</i>
March 4	Confirmation Classes meet and attend the 6:00pm Mass
March 18	Confirmation Classes meet
Tuesday, March 27	8:00pm Lenten Service of Reconciliation
April 8	Confirmation Classes meet and attend the 6:00pm Mass <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Ministry Partnership Report Due – page 22
April 22	Confirmation Classes meet
May 6	Confirmation Classes meet and attend the 6:00pm Mass
May 20	Confirmation Classes meet
	10th Grade Reconciliation Service at 5:00pm
June 3	Confirmation Classes meet and attend the 6:00pm Mass
Monday, June 4	7:00pm Mandatory Practice for the June 7th Confirmation
Thursday, June 7	Sacrament of Confirmation – 7:00pm
Tuesday, June 5	7:00pm Mandatory Practice for the June 9th Confirmation
Saturday, June 9	Sacrament of Confirmation – 10:00am

Please be sure your teacher has at least one current email address so they can communicate any changes to the schedule.

CONFIRMATION – MIDDLE INTERVIEW

Please PRINT Clearly

Candidate's First and Last Name

1. Have YOUR REASONS FOR ENTERING the Confirmation Preparation Process changed since you started it. How?

2. What do YOU LIKE about the Confirmation Preparation Process so far?

3. What MORE would you LIKE TO SEE in the process? _____

4. What has been the MOST DIFFICULT PART(S) of the Confirmation Preparation so far?

5. Have you become more of an ACTIVE CATHOLIC since becoming a candidate for Confirmation? In what ways?

6. Do you feel receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation will have an effect on your faith and your life? _____

ST. LUKE CONFIRMATION CONVENANT

I, _____, a member of the parish of St. Luke, wish to affirm my faith and belief in Jesus Christ and His Church in the Sacrament of Confirmation. I ask to become a candidate for Confirmation, and to enter the program of preparation being offered to me by this parish. This is in response to God's call to live the faith more deeply, to worship, to witness and to serve as a Confirmed Roman Catholic. As a candidate for the Sacrament of Confirmation, I accept my responsibility to open my heart and mind to the workings of the Holy Spirit. During this time of preparation I will:

- ❖ Pray daily for the guidance of the Holy Spirit in preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation.
- ❖ Participate in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.
- ❖ Actively participate in our Parish Sunday Eucharistic Mass Celebration.
- ❖ Actively participate in all preparation classes.
- ❖ Contribute 12 hours of Christian Service to home, parish, schools, community and neighborhood and wherever I can contribute my time and talents.
- ❖ Complete all assignments.
- ❖ Participate in a retreat.

Signed by Candidate: _____ Date: _____

Signed by Parent: _____ Date: _____

**THE CONFIRMATION COVENANT (PAGE 17), THE MIDDLE INTERVIEW (PAGE 18)
AND THE CONFIRMATION DATE REQUEST FORM (PAGE 19)
ARE ALL TO BE COMPLETED AND RETURNED AT THE FIRST CLASS,
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2017 OR TO THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE**

CONFIRMATION DATE REQUEST FORM – Name _____

PLEASE CHECK THE BOX NEXT TO YOUR REQUEST

When considering your request please also consider the mandatory practice night.

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated on
THURSDAY, JUNE 7, 2018 at 7:00pm

The Corresponding Mandatory Practice Night will be held on
Monday, June 4, 2018 at 7:00pm

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated on
SATURDAY, JUNE 9, 2018 at 10:00am

The Corresponding Mandatory Practice Night will be held on
Tuesday, June 5, 2018 at 7:00pm

OUR FAMILY IS FLEXIBLE AND EITHER DATE WILL WORK

We will do our best to accommodate everyone's first choice. However, if too many people choose the same night we may have to assign the other date. If there is an extenuating circumstance as to why one date works and one doesn't please explain below.

**THE CONFIRMATION COVENANT (PAGE 17), THE MIDDLE INTERVIEW (PAGE 18)
AND THE CONFIRMATION DATE REQUEST FORM (PAGE 19)
ARE ALL TO BE COMPLETED AND RETURNED AT THE FIRST CLASS,
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2017 OR TO THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE**

CONFIRMATION SPONSOR INFORMATION SHEET

For the Candidate to complete

Candidate's Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email Address _____

Class / Catechist _____

Sponsor Name _____

Address _____

Sponsor's Relationship to You _____

In at least 30 words, state your reasons for choosing this person to be your Confirmation sponsor. Write how this person is a model of the Catholic faith for you. State how this person by example in word and deed helps you to be a disciple of Jesus.

I choose _____ to be my sponsor for the

Sacrament of Confirmation because _____

**COMPLETE AND RETURN TO THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE NO LATER THAN
SUNDAY, JANUARY 7, 2018**

SPONSOR CERTIFICATION

This form needs to be back at St. Luke NO LATER THAN SUNDAY, JANUARY 7, 2018

This is to certify, that I _____ (Sponsor's name) of _____ (Name of Parish) accept the invitation to be a sponsor at the Confirmation of _____ (Candidate's Name) at St. Luke Parish in Long Valley, NJ.

I affirm that I am a Baptized, Confirmed and practicing Catholic, in good standing in the Church.
I understand that I am acting as a witness to the public acceptance of the Catholic religion by this candidate.
I agree to act as a guide and advisor to this candidate, most especially by my own example and witness.

(Signature of Sponsor)

(Date)

THE PORTION BELOW ONLY NEEDS TO BE COMPLETED BY YOUR SPONSOR'S PARISH IF THEY ARE NOT A PARISHIONER HERE AT ST. LUKE'S.

IF YOUR SPONSOR IS A PARISHIONER AT ST. LUKE PLEASE LEAVE THE BOTTOM PORTION OF THIS FORM BLANK.

PRIEST'S CERTIFICATION

This portion needs to be completed by your sponsor's parish and must include the priest's signature and the parish seal

This is to certify that _____ is in good standing in this parish, and that he/she meets the above requirements for sponsorship at Confirmation.

(Signed) Rev. _____ Date _____

PARISH
SEAL

Parish Name and Address _____

MINISTRY PARTNERSHIP REPORT – For the Candidate

Candidate's Name: _____

Date(s) of Service: _____

Hours of Service (minimum of 12 hours) _____

Parent's Signature _____

Describe your service. What did you do? For whom did you do it?

Share your thoughts and feelings about the service experience

Candidate's Signature _____

**TO BE COMPLETED AND RETURNED TO THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE NO LATER THAN
SUNDAY, April 8, 2018**