

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish

Confirmation Program
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Dear Parents:

Many thanks for your partnership during your teen's first year of the Confirmation process. While our year is concluding in unprecedented fashion, we look forward to continuing our journey to the Sacrament and will rejoice in gathering together one day soon. Our Youth Ministry events are on hold for now; we hope to be back in action soon and will keep you posted.

Your teen now is approaching the second and final year of Confirmation preparation. The Confirmation Team and I look forward to continuing to work closely with you and your family on this journey. Confirmation small group sessions will resume in the fall and will meet as per your teen's current schedule. Sunday evening small group sessions will continue to run from 4:30 pm to 6:00 pm; Monday evening sessions will meet from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm. Your teen's small group, classroom, and catechist assignment will remain the same as in the first year, unless otherwise notified. A full calendar will be finalized and emailed to you in late summer. During the second year, we will have less small group sessions, so only one absence will be excused. If your son or daughter misses two or more small group meetings, all missed sessions will require make-up sessions with Fr. Stan.

Online registration is available and strongly encouraged this year! To register online, please visit <https://stelizabethschurch.org/second-year-confirmation-registration>. If you prefer to submit the hard copy, kindly complete the attached Notice of Confirmation/Media Release and mail to the Parish Office (St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, ATTN: Shannon Jones/Confirmation Registration, 61 Main Street, Flanders, NJ 07836). Please complete the entire form, leaving only the "Candidate's Confirmation Date" and "Confirmed By" fields blank.

The registration fee for the second year of the program again will be \$60. Online payment via credit card is available and encouraged. Otherwise, checks may be made payable to St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish and mailed with the hard copy registration form to the parish office.

Your teen's **Confirmation name** is very important and should be that of a saint. Kindly have your teen complete the attached form after prayerful consideration. Your teen may opt not to select a Confirmation name; if so, please indicate "no name" on the form. If this is the case, we will use his/her Baptismal (or first) name. All Confirmation names must be approved by the Bishop, so please encourage your teen to seriously consider this choice. You may email this form to me upon completion.

Please also help your teen to prayerfully select his or her **sponsor**. Sponsor guidelines are attached, along with a sponsor certificate. Each sponsor must have the attached certificate signed/sealed by his or her current parish. We cannot accept a sponsor without this verification. Please remember that your teen's sponsor must be a fully initiated and practicing Catholic in good standing with the Church. According to Canon Law, the sponsor cannot be the candidate's parent.

Special thanks and kudos to all candidates for working hard at the required 30 service hours. If you have any questions regarding your teen's hours, please contact me. A total of 30 hours should be completed by January 1, 2021. At least 15 of the 30 hours must be parish hours, although all 30 hours may be completed on the parish level. Once teens have completed 30 hours, we encourage them to continue to submit tickets, as we do have a competition for the teen with the most service hours! Options for remote service were emailed yesterday; more to follow.

Confirmation is tentatively scheduled for February 13, 2021, at 11:00 am. Our mandatory second year retreat will be scheduled in mid-January; a separate retreat form and payment will be collected in the fall.

Kindly submit your teen's registration form, registration fee of \$60, sponsor certificate, and Confirmation name form at your earliest convenience. Any questions or problems, please feel free to contact me.

Many thanks for your support and partnership in Christ. Please know that my prayers are with you and your families, now and always. Our God is with us; we will get through these challenges together. I look forward to continuing to walk with you and your families on the journey to Confirmation. In the meantime, I am an email away, if I may be of any help. God's blessings, my friends.

Peace,
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