

† ST. JAMES PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

119 W. Chestnut Street, Washington, PA 15301

Good morning 8th Grade Parents,

One of the most important moments in the life of a young Catholic is the outpouring of the Holy Spirit in the Sacrament of Confirmation. With great joy we prepare our candidates for reception of the final Sacrament of Initiation. This email contains the dates and times of both the Confirmation retreat and the Sacrament of Confirmation for our Religious Education students.

To begin preparation, our candidate's Confirmation prep folders were given out during in-person class time this past Sunday (2/7). If your candidate is a remote learning student, I ask that you bring them to the parish office (119 West Chestnut Street Washington, PA) to collect their folder and have a short individual meeting with me. This may be done during set office hours 4:00pm-6:30pm on (2/17-2/19). If these hours do not fit your schedule, please contact me and I will set up another time with you. Please be prepared to fill out a form that requires knowledge of the candidate's date and place of baptism when you come in. Please have everything in the folders completed and turned in by May 2nd.

Our Confirmation retreat will take place on Saturday, May 15th from 11:00am to 3:00pm. It will be held at St. Hilary in the Religious Education Center (the former St. Hilary School). The dress code is casual, and a small lunch will be provided.

The Sacrament of Confirmation will take place at Immaculate Conception Church on May 19th at 7:00pm. The dress code is your 'Sunday Best' (what you would wear on Christmas or Easter). A short practice for the candidates will take place at 6:00pm, before Mass.

If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours in Christ,

Alana Garrison
Catechetical Administrator
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