

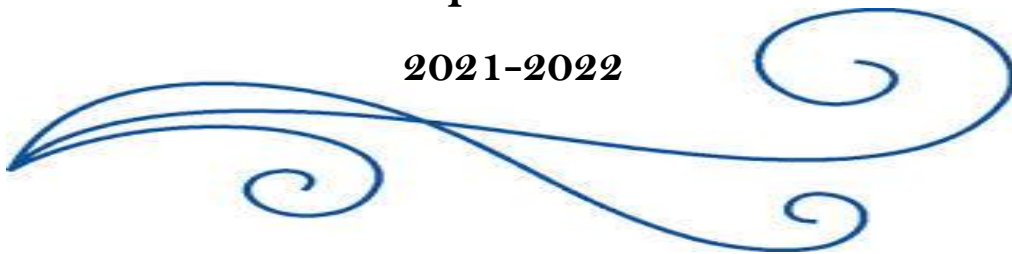
Level 7

Confirmation Prep.



Year 2 Preparation Booklet

2021-2022



St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church
Office of Faith Formation

Prayer to the Holy Spirit

*Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of Your faithful,
and enkindle in them the fire of Your love.
Send forth Your Spirit and they shall be created,
and You shall renew the face of the earth.*



*Let us pray. O God, Who did instruct the hearts
of the faithful by the light of the Holy Spirit,
grant us in the same Spirit to be truly wise,
and ever to rejoice in His consolation.
Through Christ Our Lord, Amen.*





September 2021

Dear Level 7 Families,

Welcome to **year 2** of your son/daughter's Confirmation preparation at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church. Confirmation preparation involves a time of learning, serving, reflection and fun! We are looking forward to sharing this journey with you over the next year.

In addition to completing their monthly class meetings, Level 7 students have been given several extra assignments contained in this packet. The assignments are to be completed under the guidance of parents and/or Confirmation sponsors, and **need to be submitted to the office by the due dates indicated on the following page**. We encourage all family members to be supportive of what your son or daughter is being asked to do.

As we are forming these young people in the Catholic Faith, **a primary focus for them should be coming to Mass on the weekends**, to spend time with Jesus & receive Him in the Eucharist. Now more than ever, **the children need to know that God's love is there with them and for them in all that they face**. We've missed you & would be delighted to see you! We invite you to come, take some time to feed your soul and receive the love of God. Sponsors are also encouraged to join their candidates at Mass, to help build spiritual trust and grow in faith together.

Communication is the other point that is crucial during this last year of Confirmation prep. The religious formation office will be communicating with you mainly through email and phone call. We ask you to please make sure you are checking your messages on a regular basis, and to contact us with any questions or concerns that may arise. **If there are issues impacting your child's learning, it is important contact us right away and not wait to see if things change**. We are here to help, whatever your need!

Thank you for your kindness & cooperation in these matters. May God bless you & your child as you embark on the final phase of the journey toward Confirmation. May it prove to be a time filled with learning, blessing, and growth.

In Christ,

Sarah Goodman

Director of Faith Formation

Level 7 - Confirmation Preparation Overview

What Needs to Be Accomplished?	Description	Due Date
1. Attend monthly class sessions at the church.	Class schedule & catechist assignment are included in this packet.	
2. Attend Mass on Sundays & holy days.	Schedule: Saturday 5:00PM, Sunday 9:00AM & 11:00AM. Several Level 7 family Masses are scheduled throughout the year - see schedule.	
3. Submit Confirmation saint report	Choose your Confirmation saint name and write a brief report about the saint you have chosen as your patron(ess). Submit forms attached to this packet.	Due at Confirmation interview the week of April 24th.
4. Submit letter to the pastor	Write a brief letter to our pastor Fr. Sikorski, describing your reasons for wanting to be Confirmed.	Due at Confirmation interview the week of April 24th.
5. Complete 8 hrs. of community service	Workshops will be offered to help you fulfill this requirement (see below). Choose 2 workshops to attend; all remaining hours are to be completed outside the church.	Record due at Confirmation interview the week of April 24th.
6. Confirmation interview	Candidate will sit down with one of our catechists to discuss what he/she has learned this year and help us assess his/her readiness for Confirmation.	To be held the week of April 24th - specific days/times TBA.

Assignments need to be submitted using the guidelines and forms below.

Questions: 631-737-8915

Level 7 Class Calendar

2021-2022

Date	Event	Notes & Assignments Due
Oct 4-6	Class 1: Jesus' Promise of the Holy Spirit	Classes take place once a month on Mon, Tues, or Wed from 6:00PM-7:15PM. Drop off/pickup from lower church hall.
Sunday Oct. 17th at 11:00AM Mass	Level 7 Family Mass	Special blessing will be given to the Confirmation candidates. You're invited to join us in the church hall after Mass (please bring a treat to share). Sponsors are welcome!
Nov. 8-10	Class 2: The Coming of the Holy Spirit	
Dec, 6-8	Advent Prayer Night for Candidates, Parents, & Sponsors	Meet in church sanctuary at normal class time.
Jan. 3-5	Class 3: The Action of the Holy Spirit in the Church	
Sunday Jan 16th 11:00AM	Level 7 Family Mass	You're invited to join us in the church hall after Mass (please bring a treat to share). Sponsors are welcome!
Feb. 7-9	Class 4: Preparing to Live a New Commitment	
March 7-9	Class 5: Celebrating the Holy Spirit in Our Lives	
April 4-6	Lenten Prayer Night for Candidates, Parents, & Sponsors	Meet in church sanctuary at normal class time.
April 24th 11:00AM	Level 7 Family Mass	Please bring a treat to share in the church hall after Mass. Sponsors are welcome! Opportunity to speak to catechists/Director with questions or concerns.
Week of April 24th	Confirmation Interviews	Times TBA. Letter to pastor, saint report, & community service hours due at this time!



CHOOSING A CONFIRMATION NAME

In the book of the prophet Isaiah we read, "**I have called you by name: you are mine**" (Is. 43:1). When your name was spoken aloud during your Baptism, it became a part of your identity as God's child and a member of the Catholic Church. A great deal of thought went into your parents' choice in naming you. You may be named after a relative, a special family friend, or a saint your parents admired. Your name may have a special meaning that drew your parents to choose it.

Now that YOU have decided to become Confirmed, you have the opportunity to choose an additional name for yourself, which will be a spiritual reminder of your Confirmation and your commitment to Jesus. Here are some guidelines to help you in choosing this name:

- You may choose to add a new name at Confirmation, or you may choose to re-affirm the name given at your Baptism.
- The name you choose **must be a Christian name** -- the name of a saint or one of the great men or women of the Bible who have gone before us in Faith. This saint will be your special patron(ess) in heaven throughout your whole life.
- Some choose the name of a saint whose life they greatly admire, or a saint who reflects a certain virtue/goal they strive for (e.g. St. Christopher is the patron of travelers, St. Joan of Arc was known for her courage, etc.).
- Girls may choose the name of a male saint if they wish, or boys may choose the name of a female saint. If desired, the name may be converted to the form of the alternate gender (e.g. "Dominic" to "Dominica").
- Some choose the name of their sponsor, parent, grandparent or other person who has been an example of Catholic life & faith to them.
- Spend time in prayer before making this choice, and ask the Holy Spirit to guide you. This is a very important decision that should not be made lightly.
- "Do NOT choose a name just because the person is popular or famous or because the name sounds good. The name you choose is for life! So it should be after a person whom you really admire for their Christian life of goodness, charity and holiness.....It's not just about a name you like but a person whose whole life shows how a true friend of Jesus really lives." ~ Bishop Edward Scharfenberger

SOME RESOURCES FOR CHOOSING YOUR CONFIRMATION NAME

Books:

- *A Saint for Your Name* (boy's and girl's editions), by Albert J. Nevins
- *A Saint's Name* (look up a name and find a list of saints with that name)
- *Picture Book of Saints*, by Father Lawrence Lovasik, S.V.D.
- *Sixty Saints for Boys*, by Joan Windham
- *Sixty Saints for Girls*, by Joan Windham

Websites:

Butler's *Lives of the Saints* (online Benziger edition)

- <http://www.sacred-texts.com/chr/lots/index.htm>

Catholic Online:

- <https://www.catholic.org/saints/stindex.php> (alphabetical list of saints)
- <https://www.catholic.org/saints/patron.php> (list of patron saints)

Life Teen:

- <https://lifeteen.com/blog/biggest-best-list-confirmation-saints-guys-girls/>

SAINT REPORT

(Due the week of April 24th, 2022)

Student Name: _____

Saint's Name: _____

Born: _____ Place: _____

Feast Day of Saint: _____

Patron Saint of: _____

Describe who this saint is, and some parts of his or her life that are outstanding to you. What did this saint accomplish, and why do you think he/she was recognized as a saint by the Catholic Church? Lastly, please tell what special actions or virtues you admire about this saint that led you to choose his/her name. You can use the space below or type on computer paper.

Parent Signature

GUIDELINES FOR LETTER TO THE PASTOR

Before the celebration of Confirmation, the pastor is required by canon (church) law to know that the candidates are being properly prepared. He should also know that you have a desire for and knowledge of the Sacrament. To help him meet this responsibility, we ask you to write a brief letter to him.

Please type your letter on a piece of good paper, sign your name at the bottom, and place it in an envelope with the candidate's name on the front. The letter should be at least two or three paragraphs, and address at least 3 basic questions:

- **What have you learned about the Sacrament of Confirmation?**
- **What does it mean for you personally?**
- **Why do you think that you are ready to receive this Sacrament (i.e. how have you prepared)?**

Be creative in your letter! See some sentence starter examples below...

- I am (introduce yourself)...
- In my preparation for Confirmation, I have learned that Confirmation strengthens me by a special gift of the Holy Spirit, to live my life as a witness of Christ...
- I am ready to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation because...
- The Confirmation name I have chosen is....because....
- I have asked....to be my sponsor, because....
- After Confirmation, I will continue to follow the guidance of the Holy Spirit and be an active member of our parish family by (*attending Mass, getting involved as an altar server or lector, serving the poor, teaching others about Jesus, etc.*)...

EXAMPLE LETTER TO THE PASTOR

(Date)

Reverend Allan Sikorski
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church
800 Portion Rd.
Lake Ronkonkoma, NY 11779

Dear Father Sikorski,

(Write your reasons for requesting the Sacrament of Confirmation. What have you learned about this Sacrament? Why do you want to be a fully initiated member of the Catholic Church? How are you preparing to be Confirmed? You might also wish to say a little about your Confirmation name, Confirmation sponsor, and/or community service activities.)

Sincerely,

(Candidate's Signature)

(Parent's Signature)

(Sponsor's signature, if available)

Letter is to be submitted to the church office at your Confirmation interview, the week of April 24th, 2022.

CONFIRMATION SERVICE PROJECT



Service is an integral part of the mission of the Catholic Church. It is not an extracurricular activity, but a way of living out our faith in Jesus Christ and loving others as we know He loves us. Hopefully, as you prepare for Confirmation, you will come to understand more fully that all baptized Catholics are called to carry out the mission of Jesus Christ by serving those around us who may be suffering or forgotten.

This year, we ask our level 6 & 7 Confirmation candidates to give at least 8 hours of service to our community. Candidates need to submit a record of their activities at the Confirmation interview the week of April 24th, 2022. Please use the form below.

The goal with this project is for you, the Confirmation candidate, to recognize and celebrate the gifts YOU were given by God, and how they can be used to serve others with love. We pray & anticipate with you the day when those gifts will be further blessed by the Holy Spirit at your Confirmation.

Level 6 & 7 Community Service Workshops

Please choose 2 workshops to attend.
All remaining service hours are to be completed outside the church.

Workshop #1 - All Saints Day Bake Sale - 2 hrs. credit

Sunday October 31st (9:30AM-10:30AM shift and 11:30AM-12:30PM shift)
Sell treats & hand out saint holy cards after our parish Masses! Proceeds will go to STEAS outreach ministry.
Participants must sign up by October 14th (call 631-737-8915).

Workshop #2 - Peanut Butter & Jelly Night - 1 hr. credit

Tues. December 14, 2021, 7:00PM-8:00PM
Make PB&J sandwiches to be donated to those in need. Please bring 1 jar of peanut butter, 1 jar of jelly, and 2 loaves of sliced bread per person.
Participants must sign up by December 1st.

Workshop #3 - Nursing Home Cards - 1.5 hrs. credit

Thurs. February 17th, 6:00PM-7:15PM
Create colorful cards to be sent to seniors in the nursing home.
Participants must sign up by January 1st (call 631-737-8915).

Workshop # 4 - Food Drive - 2 hrs. credit

Sat. April 2nd, 11:30AM-1:30PM shift and 1:30PM-3:30PM shift
Collect food donations outside local grocery store.
Participants must sign up by March 1st.
Parent chaperones needed! Call the office to volunteer.

*Sponsors are also welcome to participate
(please let us know beforehand)!*

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Record of Confirmation Service Hours

(submit 8 hrs. to the church office by April 24th, 2022)

Name: _____

Activity	Date	How Long?	Supervisor's Signature

Please turn over if more space is needed >>>>>>

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