



GOOD SHEPHERD RC CHURCH  
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**Greetings!**

Welcome to all students and their parents/guardians in the Good Shepherd Confirmation program. Confirmation is the third and final sacrament of initiation into our Church. This preparation period is a time of growing and reconnecting to the Catholic faith, often not just for students but for families and sponsors as well.

**Dear Students:** I welcome each of you into our program! I hope that you will use this time to understand why you and your parents want you to be confirmed and, more importantly, what being Catholic means to you. We would like to help you in this process.

**Dear Parents:** I thank you for bringing your child to Good Shepherd church and for making Confirmation a priority for your family. Your dedication to the faith, your example of living faith and desire to help your child learn about it, can only help him/her see it as an important part of his/her life as well. Thank you for your willingness to work with us as a family for the benefit of "our" children. Please remember that you are the best teacher, model of our faith and we are grateful to have you as part of our community.

We are looking forward to meeting you and your son or daughter and truly excited to begin preparing your child to receive one of God's greatest gifts: the sacrament of Confirmation.

Our Confirmation candidates need to attend 10:30am Mass on Sundays and classes will take place after the Mass. Whole family participation at this liturgy is a wonderful opportunity for our Confirmation candidates to grow deeper in their appreciation of the Catholic faith. We encourage all families to embrace weekly Mass attendance in support of the Confirmation students and the Catholic way of life to which they are committing by receiving this sacrament. All families are welcome to join us and we look forward to seeing you!

Calendars will be emailed and uploaded to our parish website. Classes for the 9<sup>th</sup> grade Confirmation students will begin in September and go through December. Confirmation classes for the 10<sup>th</sup> grade will begin in January through the date of Confirmation. Because your children are becoming adults in our faith and are taking ownership of their spiritual life it is very important to attend Sunday Mass regularly throughout the entire Confirmation program and not only when they have classes.

Some of you may find this program challenging for you and your child. For two years you will need to balance the demands of schoolwork, sports, friends, and our program. The Good Shepherd staff with God's help want to carry all of you through these challenging years. It is important to remember that your son or daughter and whole family will get out of Confirmation what you have put into it.

Once again, thank you for enrolling your teen in the Confirmation program at Good Shepherd. It means that you have decided to follow your baptismal commitment. Confirmation brings about an increase and deepening of baptismal grace. It gives a new and special outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the baptized and an opportunity to put his/her faith into action. That is why we are very excited about your teen starting their journey through Confirmation. We hope they will enjoy the program and use this time to grow up in their faith.

Please keep the attached handbook. It contains important program information regarding classes and policies. We would appreciate it if you read and discuss these policies with your children. If you have any questions about the Confirmation program, please do not hesitate to email me at [frmichael@goodshepherdrc.org](mailto:frmichael@goodshepherdrc.org) or call me at 973-786-6631 (ext. 209). You may also contact our Confirmation Program Assistant: Mrs. Allison Holdt at, [allison@goodshepherdrc.org](mailto:allison@goodshepherdrc.org), 973-786-6415 (ext. 203). I look forward to meeting you all soon!

**We will have a mandatory meeting on Tuesday, September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 7:30 pm for the 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade parents to discuss the program.**

**May God continue to bless you and your family!**

Fr. Michael  
Confirmation Program Coordinator

**Tuition Fees:**

- 1 child \$150
- 2 children \$250
- 3 children \$375

**Payment Information:** Nonrefundable tuition

payment for the **two-year** Confirmation Program is expected at time of registration.

Families with financial difficulties are encouraged to contact Fr. Michael or Fr. Tim.

**Registrations received after July 15th will receive a \$25 late fee.**