

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Youth Ministry

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Dear Year 1 Confirmation Parents,

Thank you for your interest in the Confirmation program here at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton for your teen's Catholic faith formation. Our goal for the teens in the program is to provide opportunities for them to experience the love of Jesus Christ, get to know Him personally and learn about the teachings of the Church He established. We are anticipating another grace filled year for 2019-20!

This packet contains the main points of the program. A detailed program packet containing an additional calendar, curriculum, and retreat sign up form, etc. will be provided at the Parent/Teen Session on Wednesday, September 11th from 6:30-8pm. Year 1 teens and parents will have the opportunity to their meet small group leaders and the rest of the teens in the program. This session is counted as a class session for the teens. A mailing containing the name of each student's small group leaders and session time will be mailed to all registered Year 1 families.

Last year, we made a few changes to the program. Instead of having two full years of formation, we will have a year and a half of formation. This means the teens will be **confirmed in the late Fall of Freshman Year**. This allows more flexibility for the date we will receive from Bishop Malloy since many parishes decide on a Spring date.

As you can see in the registration packet, **classes start at 1pm and 4pm**. We will be meeting in the Parish Hall and because of the 11:15am Mass, we want to give parishioners some time for fellowship after Mass instead of asking them to leave so we can start class. We are having Confirmation formation in the parish hall instead of the meeting rooms to bring a sense of community among the rest of the teens and have it be less of a "classroom" feel and more of a "youth group" feel.

Within the small groups, we will have two catechists for every 7-8 teens. If there is someone your teen would be interested in being in a group with, please specify that on the registration form. We cannot guarantee the pairings, especially since we will have two class times. The groups will also be gender neutral (all boys/all girls), but for the watching of the video and the game/icebreaker at the beginning, everyone will be together. We are having gender neutral groups because some of the topics discussed will be better with those of the same gender so the group can go deeper into the topic.

In order to ensure that candidates are sufficiently formed in the Faith prior to the reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation, no more than 2 sessions per year may be missed. All candidates are required to attend Sunday Mass weekly. Attendance at Sunday Mass and holy days of obligation is one of the five precepts of the Catholic Church. The Precepts of the Catholic Church are a description of the absolute minimum actions required of Catholics regarding the Church. The Church uses these precepts to remind us that Christian life requires a commitment to prayer and active participation in the liturgy and sacraments. If we fall below this bare-minimum level, we can't rightly consider ourselves to be in full communion with the Catholic Church. To this end, all candidates need to turn in ten, short Mass reflections per year.

The Confirmation Sponsor serves as a mentor in the growth of Catholic faith throughout the two-year formation process and beyond. For this reason, Year 2 registration will not be processed unless the Sponsor form and affidavit has been turned in. Year 1 students will receive the Sponsor packet at the Parent/Teen session.

Please contact the youth ministry office with any questions or concerns you may have.

In Jesus and Mary,

Rev. Fr. Brian D. Grady- Pastor &
Laura Knipp- Director of Youth Ministry

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church

Confirmation Year 1

2019-2020



Confirmation Sponsors

A Confirmation Sponsor serves as a mentor in the growth of Catholic faith throughout the formation process and beyond. The Sponsor information packet will be available at the Parent/Teen session. The Sponsor form and affidavit will be due in November.

Year 1 Tuition

- \$275 per student
- \$250 Early Bird rate
(if registration forms received by 8/1)
- Includes full day Retreat

Full payment of \$250 may be made by the August 1st Early Bird date or \$275 after August 1st or the following payment option may be selected:

Installment plan:

If Form received by August 1st - \$100 due
If Form received between Aug. 2-29th - \$125 due
October 31st - \$50 due
November 30th - \$50 due
January 31st - \$50 due

Please contact the Youth Ministry Office if special consideration is needed.

About Our Confirmation Program

- Confirmation Formation is a one and a half year program that begins in 8th grade. The Sacrament Confirmation is celebrated in the Fall of 2020. Please see letter about last year's changes in the Confirmation program.
- The program focuses on expanding the candidate's understanding of the Catholic faith and how we are called to be disciples in today's world.
- There will be *sixteen Group Sessions* this year. We will meet on **Sundays** *either* from 1:00-2:30pm *or* 4:00-5:30pm and *one Parent/Teen session* on **Sept. 11th** from 6:30-8pm.
- Candidates are invited and expected to attend two Masses as a group, which will be on **Sundays** during the regular 11:15 Mass time.
- Catechists for each Small Group will plan approximately 2 *service projects* per year to take place at various times and locations.
- There will be a *day long Retreat*, entitled, *Encountering the Truth*, held in the Parish Center on **Saturday February 8th**.
- Candidates are expected to attend Mass every **Sunday** and turn in 10 Mass Reflections for this year and 5 in Fall 2020.
- Candidates are also expected to attend the **Year 1 retreat and the overnight retreat in Fall 2020.**
- If more than two sessions are missed the candidate will need to meet with Laura to discuss moving forward.
- Additional program information will be available at the **Parent/Teen session on Wednesday, September 11th** from 6:30-8pm.
- One parent of each candidate is expected to attend a one-day, **Retreat**, entitled, *God Is! Or Light of the World*. Dates will be coming soon.

2019-2020 Confirmation Registration Year 1
 St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church
 Registration Form due no later than August 29th
Early bird discount due date August 1st

Family Name: _____ Student Name: _____
 Street Address: _____ City: _____ State/Zip: _____
 Home #: (____)____-____ Unlisted Parent Email Address: _____
 When sending mail, address to: (circle one) Mr./Mrs. Mr. Mrs. Ms. Other: _____

Parent/Guardian(s)

Relationship to Student: _____	Relationship to Student: _____
Name: _____	Name: _____
Work Phone: _____	Work Phone: _____
Cell Phone: _____	Cell Phone: _____
Religion: _____	Religion: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Emergency Contact

In the event of an emergency, please provide information for someone local *other than* a parent or guardian:

Name: _____ Relationship: _____ Phone #: _____

Payment Information

We need your Registration **Form** by August 29th! Please do not delay registration due to financial concerns. Tuition may be paid in installments. Please contact the Youth Ministry Office if you need special consideration.

*Tuition is \$250 if Registration **Form** is received by the early bird date - August 1st. Tuition is \$275 if Registration Form is received after August 1st.*

Option 1
 Registration Form and Payment received by August 1st.
 \$250

Option 2
 Registration Form and Payment received **after** August 1st.
 \$275

Option 3
Registration Form and Installment plan:
If Form is received by August 1st - \$100 due
If Form is received between Aug. 2-29 - \$125 due
 October 31st - \$50 due
 November 30th - \$50 due
 January 31st - \$50 due
If paying by credit card, the amount due will be charged on each of the above dates.

Amount Paid: _____ Cash Check Card

Credit Card Number: _____

Exp Date: _____

Signature: _____

Auth. #: _____

Registration Form for Confirmation

Return completed registration forms with
copy of Baptismal certificate (unless baptized at St EAS)

REGISTRATION FORM DUE NO LATER THAN AUGUST 31ST
EARLY BIRD TUITION DISCOUNT APPLIES UNTIL AUGUST 3RD

PLEASE FILL OUT A SEPARATE PAGE FOR EACH STUDENT BEING ENROLLED

FAMILY NAME: _____

STUDENT NAME: _____ GRADE IN FALL 2017: _____

BIRTH DATE: _____ GENDER: _____ SCHOOL: _____

CIRCLE GRADES OF CATHOLIC SCHOOL AND/OR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COMPLETED: K 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9

DATE

CHURCH WHERE SACRAMENT WAS CELEBRATED & ADDRESS:

BAPTISM: ____/____/____

Please enclose a copy of teen's Baptismal certificate unless he/she was baptized at ST. EAS.

RECONCILIATION: ____/____/____

1ST COMMUNION: ____/____/____

#####PHOTO OPT OUT OPTION#####

Pictures are regularly taken of teens on service projects and retreats. Photos are placed on our Parish Website and Facebook page. To date, we are not aware of any problems that have occurred with this policy, but if you wish that your teen NOT be in any photos online. Please check here:

#####MEDICAL INFORMATION

ANY INFORMATION PROVIDED WILL REMAIN CONFIDENTIAL

Does the teen named on form require any special attention regarding the areas listed below?

ALLERGIES *

___ Food
___ Medication
___ Bee stings
___ Other

ILLNESSES *

___ Asthma
___ Seizures
___ Physical Limitations
___ Other

SPECIAL LEARNING NEEDS *

___ ADD or ADHD
___ Behavior Disorder
___ Learning Disorder
___ Hearing/Vision Limitations
___ Reading/Writing Limitations
___ Speech Limitations

*Please explain any checked above: _____

Does your teen take any medications that we should be aware of? Yes ___ No ___
If yes, please specify: _____

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2019-20 group choice form

Register Now to get your first choice of session time!

Please remember that we assign small groups on a first come, first served basis. Once a group/session time is full, teens will be assigned to the other session.

*****There will be a program meeting and session for teens and parents on Wednesday, September 11th from 6:30-8:00 pm in Seton Hall*****

Please complete and return this form with your registration forms

Small group session times: *(check all that work for you)*

1:00-2:30 pm

4:00-5:30 pm

I would like to be placed in a Small Group with:

(we will make every attempt to place students together who have requested each other and requested the same session time)




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Confirmation Formation

*****Small Groups meet in the Parish Center on specified Sundays at one of the following times: 1-2:30 pm OR 4:00-5:30 pm. Service projects will be scheduled by the small group leaders.*****

PLEASE CHECK THE SCHEDULE CAREFULLY FOR SESSION DATES AND TIMES

Date	Time & Place	Session
Wednesday, September 11	6:30-8:00 PM Seton Hall	Parent/Teen Session
Sunday, September 22	1:00 OR 4:00 PM Parish Center	Group Sessions
Sunday, October 6	1:00 OR 4:00 PM Parish Center	Group Sessions
Sunday, October 20	1:00 OR 4:00 PM Parish Center	Group Sessions
Sunday, November 10	1:00 OR 4:00 PM Parish Center	Group Sessions Sponsor Forms due
Sunday, November 24	1:00 OR 4:00 PM Parish Center	Group Sessions
Sunday, December 8	1:00 OR 4:00 PM Parish Center	Group Sessions
Sunday, December 15	1:00 OR 4:00 PM Parish Center	Group Sessions
Sunday, January 12	1:00 OR 4:00 PM Parish Center	Group Sessions Diocesan Chastity & Safe Environment- Waiver must be filled out if you don't want teen to atte
Sunday, January 26	1:00 OR 4:00PM Parish Center	Group Sessions
Saturday, February 8	1:00-9:30PM Parish Center	Year 1 Retreat 

<i>Date</i>	<i>Time & Place</i>	<i>Session</i>
Sunday, February 23	1:00 OR 4:00 PM Parish Center	Group Sessions
Sunday, March 8	1:00 OR 4:00 PM Parish Center	Group Sessions
Sunday, March 22	1:00 OR 4:00 PM Parish Center	Group Sessions <i>Saint info given</i>
Sunday, April 5	1:00 OR 4:00 PM Parish Center	Group Sessions
Sunday, April 19	1:00 OR 4:00 PM Parish Center	Group Sessions
Sunday, May 3	1:00 OR 4:00 PM Parish Center	Group Sessions <i>Saint Reports due</i>

****CONFIRMATION INTERVIEW IS TO BE SCHEDULED OVER THE SUMMER.****