

St. Pius Confirmation Schedule 2009-10

SIX (6) SUNDAY MEETINGS – 3:00-6pm (includes the 5pm mass)(required)

9/20 (with parents), 10/18 (Candidates only), 11/15 (candidates come at 3:00 with sponsors & parents join later for 5PM Blessing Rite Mass), 12/20, 2/21, 3/21 (on these dates candidates come alone). Parents/families/sponsors are encouraged to attend the 5PM youth mass.

FOUR (4) SMALL GROUP MEETINGS - (required)

An 1.5hr meeting will take place on a Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday evening once a month, during the following months. "Confirmation Small Groups" have been assigned. Call Elaine to find out your assignment. The Tuesday group will meet 10/6, 11/3, 12/8, 2/9, Wednesday groups will meet 10/7, 11/4, 12/9, 2/10, Thursday groups will meet 10/8, 11/5, 12/10, and 2/11. Meeting time for all groups is 7:00PM-8:30PM, please be prompt.

A DAY-LONG CONFIRMATION RETREAT – Sunday, January 10th, 9:30am – 6:00pm (required)

Candidates will meet at St. Patrick Seminary, 320 Middlefield Rd., Menlo Park 94025 at 9:30am and will be ready for pick up at 6:00pm. Mass will be included in the day.

RECONCILIATION – Since it is important to refresh our souls before receiving such an important sacrament, the Confirmation class will participate in a special reconciliation service on Wednesday, March 10th from 7:00-8:30PM.

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES (i.e. service projects) (required)

Candidates will participate in at least 3 different types of ministry service projects (of at least 4 hrs each) that will be documented in a ministry journal; one parish-based, one-community based, and one home-based. Further information about opportunities will be provided at orientation.

REHEARSAL – Candidates and their sponsor will come to the Church on a Monday prior to the Confirmation date to rehearse and celebrate.

CONFIRMATION MASS

The Sacrament will be conferred on our candidates at the 5:00PM mass on April 25, 2010.

Candidates and their sponsors must be at the Church no later than 4:00PM on that day.

2 Part mini-series - CATHOLISM 101 FOR HIGH SCHOOL TEENS - (This is an optional component to ensure candidates have a basic understanding of the Catholic faith. Other options include: Successful completion of the "Know Your Faith" Booklet, or 3) Pass the "Confirmation Readiness" test.)

Part I - Sunday, January 31, 2010, Youth Ministry Room, 2:00-5:00PM

Part II – Sunday, April 11, 2010, Youth Ministry Room, 2:00-5:00PM

Flexibility - It is understood that today's teens are very busy. In the event an important conflict exists with one of the required components make-up will be handled as follows:

- Sunday or Small Group meetings, a Candidate may make-up a missed session by submitting a self study assignment demonstrating knowledge of the topic. Contact the Confirmation Coordinator for topic requirements. Make-up papers should be submitted in a timely manner (as soon as possible) and at the latest must be submitted in time for evaluation before the Confirmation rehearsal (i.e. at least two weeks prior to the rehearsal).
- Retreat – In the event a serious conflict exists, the confirmation coordinator will provide a list of acceptable retreats that the candidate may attend with other nearby parishes