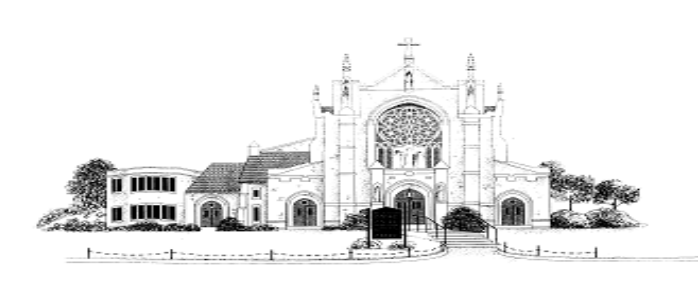


*ST. PAUL ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH*



*231 SECOND ST.  
CLIFTON, NJ 07011*



**2022-2023**

***CONFIRMATION (HIGH SCHOOL)***

***EVERY SUNDAY—12:00PM TO 2:00PM***



***MOTHER CABRINI CENTER***

***97 WASHINGTON AVE.***

***CLIFTON, NJ 07011***

***PHONE: 973-340-1300, EXT. 125 OR 126***

## ***CONFIRMATION***

Confirmation is a Sacrament, a special sign which celebrates life as a Catholic Christian. The sign of Confirmation is unique because, as a sacrament, it seals you with the power of the Holy Spirit, which enables you to say "Yes" to the Christian life, to a personal relationship with Jesus, and helps you to share your gifts with the Church.

Confirmation preparation is a parish based process which proceeds over two (2) full years. It builds on the consistent catechesis received from grades 1 through 8.

The goals of the Confirmation process are that all confirmandi: (a) Be empowered to make a commitment to the person of Jesus Christ, the Catholic Church and the Catholic Christian way of life; and (b) Be able to understand, appreciate, and articulate the basic doctrines of the Catholic faith and the principles of personal and social morality

At the present time, it is recommended that the celebration of Confirmation be in the years of high school freshman, sophomore and junior.



## ***ADMISSION***

Upon enrollment, a copy of each child's Birth Certificate, Baptismal Certificate, and First Eucharist Certificate must accompany the registration form. Those transferring from another Religious Education Program must include a letter from that parish indicating the years of previous instruction received.

### ***Issues of Custody***

Parents must inform the CRE if there are any custodial issues. You need to provide a copy of any pertinent court documents.

## ***REGISTRATION AND PLACEMENT***

Registration and re-registration occurs in the summer of each year. Forms can be found in the Church Vestibule and obtained from the Parish Office. All children are assigned to a class by the CRE. Catechists may not accept a child into class without authorization from the CRE.

If your child has any special needs such as allergies or learning disabilities, please advise the CRE of all necessary information. Regarding medical issues, no medication of any kind may be given to a child by a catechist.

If program modifications are necessary, parents should discuss these with the CRE. Any modification will follow diocesan guidelines.

### ***Home Study***

In special circumstances, such as medical or special education needs, parents may request to teach their own child/children. According to diocesan guidelines, a letter explaining the reasons for the request should accompany the registration form. Parents will attend meetings during the year.



## ***REGISTRATION DONATIONS***

These donations are used for the books, supplies, speakers, and office needs of the program. Special Sacramental donations may be required in Sacramental classes. Families experiencing financial hardship can contact the CRE concerning necessary modifications.

## ***SCHEDULE OF CLASSES AND ARRIVAL / DISMISSAL POLICIES***

**Confirmation Classes** are held every Sunday following the 11:00am Mass at St. Paul R.C. Church from 12:00pm to 2:00pm at the Mother Cabrini Center (MCC), 97 Washington Avenue.

If someone other than a parent/guardian is picking up their child/children, or the child is permitted to walk home alone, a written authorization must be given to the catechist and the CRE. No student is permitted to leave the building early without a parent. A written note should be given to the catechist and CRE in advance and the parent must sign the student out at the MCC.

## ***ATTENDANCE***

Consistent attendance at class demonstrates to your child the importance of learning about God and developing a Christian way of living. Therefore, all students are expected to attend scheduled classes unless prevented by illness.

A copy of the calendar will be provided at the Parent/Student Orientation Meeting and it is also available at [www.stpaulcnj.org](http://www.stpaulcnj.org).

Please call the Office if your child will be absent. It will be the responsibility of the student and the parent/guardian to make up the work missed. More than three (3) absences during the school year are considered serious. Excessive absences may prevent a student from advancing to the next grade, or from receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation this year. Please ensure that your child arrives on time. Every three (3) late arrivals will equal one absence.

Sunday Mass attendance is not only a precept of the Catholic Church, it is also a loving response to Jesus' request at the Last Supper. Attend weekly Mass (Saturday Evening or Sunday) with your child at St. Paul R.C. Church. The Confirmation Mass Book located in the Vestibule of the Church must be signed by each Confirmation Student when attending Sunday Mass.

### ***Cancellation of Classes***

Families will be notified of any cancellation by E-mail and/or phone call.

## ***STUDENT CONDUCT AND RESPONSIBILITY***

As a Catholic community we foster Christian principles of respect and courtesy toward all adults and children. It is expected that all students will obey all program procedures and the rules set forth by their catechist. Parents will be notified of any inappropriate language or behavior. Persistent problems will be addressed at a meeting of parent, child, Deacon or Pastor, and CRE.

For their own safety, students will follow arrival and dismissal procedures.

All students are required to bring their textbook and a pen/pencil to class each week. If a book is lost, a new one must be purchased.

Due to the alarming number of food allergies, students may not bring food or drink to class. This includes eating candy or chewing gum.

### ***Dress Code***

Appropriate clothing for the season and place of instruction (school or Church building) should be worn.

### ***Electronic Devices***

Electronic devices such as tablets should not be brought to class. Cell phones may be brought to class, but must be turned off when class is in session.

## ***CONFIRMATION REQUIREMENTS***

### ***Mass and Class Participation:***

Confirmation Candidates are to attend weekly Sunday Mass at 11:00am in St. Paul R.C. Church followed by class from 12:00pm to 2:00pm in the MCC. **No more than three (3) absences will be allowed during the year.**

### ***Confirmation Patron Saint:***

Second Year candidates are required to research the life of a Saint and write a two (2) page report (typed) in their own words and not plagiarized. The Saint name will become the CONFIRMATION name under which the student will be confirmed. All 2<sup>nd</sup> Year candidates must present their report on **March 26, 2023.**

### ***Confirmation Sponsor:***

The Sponsor needs to be a practicing Catholic and 16 years old or older. The Sponsor cannot be the student's parent or step-parent. The sponsor is required and must submit a **"Sponsor Certificate Form"** which is a recommendation from their parish priest stating they have been Baptized, Confirmed and attend Mass each week. All 2<sup>nd</sup> Year Candidates must hand in their **Sponsor Certificate on April 16th, 2022!**

### ***Confirmation Service Hours:***

To be a Catholic Christian, we need to be more than people who participate in Mass on Sunday. We must be people of action, people of service. Preparing for Confirmation is a process of becoming a fully committed member of the Christian community, sensitive to how the Holy Spirit is moving in one's life. The Holy Spirit moves us to make wise and fair decisions, moves us to pray, and to connect with others and build community. The Holy Spirit also stirs us to serve one another and to free people from injustice as Jesus did. Service is a way of life for committed Christians.

Confirmation Candidates are to complete a total of 45 Service Hours at St. Paul R.C. Church. Hours are completed as follows: 20 hours during their 1st year and 25 hours during their 2nd year.

**Personal Project Service Forms are due on May 21, 2023.** Some examples include, but are not limited to:

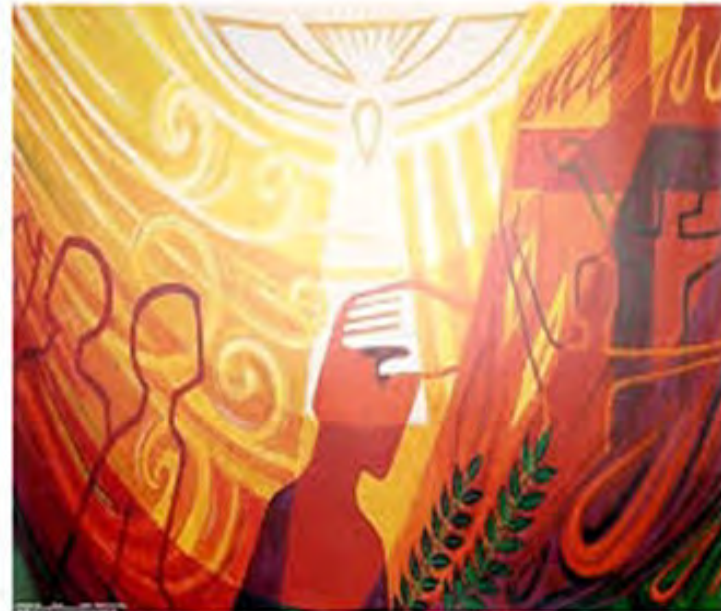
Altar Servers  
CCD Aide  
Living Stations of the Cross during Holy Week (Mandatory)  
Lectors  
Christmas Concert  
Family Choir

### ***Confirmation Spiritual Retreat***

Candidates are required to attend a Spiritual Retreat during their 2nd year of Sacramental preparation often held in January. The date will be made available in due time during the program.

### ***Letter to the Pastor***

All 2nd year candidates are required to write a letter to the Pastor stating their intention of being confirmed and why they think they are ready to be confirmed. **Due on April 16th, 2023.**



## ***MISCELLANEOUS***

### ***No Food Policy***

Parents — your child should not come to class hungry. As previously indicated, students may not bring food or drink to class. This includes eating candy or chewing gum.

### ***Lost and Found***

In order to have misplaced or lost items returned, all items that are brought into class including all clothing and especially books should be labeled. “Lost and found” will be maintained in the Mother Cabrini Center.

### ***Materials to be distributed***

No unauthorized materials may be distributed to students. All disseminated material must be pre-approved by the CRE.

### ***Policy conflict***

Where any program policy and/or procedures may conflict with Diocesan policy and/or procedure, Diocesan policy shall be considered first.

### ***Family Covenant/Commitment***

In order to form a cooperative union, dedicated to the formation of strong religious values, we are requesting that each family in our program enter into a formal Covenant/Commitment acknowledging the important role that we all play in the religious education and formation of our children.

The program acknowledges parents as the primary teachers of their children and agrees to support and nourish the family to the best of our ability. We will function in ways that encourage and respect the right of all students to learn more about their Church, faith and their personal relationship with God.



## ***CATECHISTS***

We are very blessed to have the involvement of so many dedicated parishioners who volunteer to be catechists. Their service to our program is deeply appreciated, and we encourage parents to meet their child's catechist at the start of the school year.

**Catechists:** volunteer layperson, teachers and substitute teachers who commit themselves, their time, and energy to prepare and learn what they need to hand on the faith to our young people.

### ***Responsibilities of a Catechist***

- Acquaints herself/himself with the parents of those entrusted to her/him and communicates with them on the conduct and progress of their child.
- Prepares and executes weekly lessons and prayer.
- Maintains a safe environment for all children (Virtus training).
- Attends meetings and strives through personal ready and study to be well-equipped to perform the sacred duty of a catechist.

St. Paul R.C. Church recognizes the important role catechists have in helping parents pass on the Catholic Faith to their children. Catechists need ongoing formation in Theology, Methodology, and Spirituality to deepen their own faith life. That enables them to help children recognize and appreciate the many ways God is and has always been present and active in our world and in our personal lives.



***ST. PAUL R.C. CHURCH***  
***2021-2022 IMPORTANT DATES***

- \* First Day of Class  
Sunday, September 25th, 2022
- \* Feast of St. Francis and Outdoor Blessing of the Animals  
Saturday, October 8th, 2022 at 4:00pm
- \* All Saints Day Mass  
Sunday, October 30th, 2022 Children's Saint Parade @ 11:00am Mass
- \* All Souls Day Masses  
Tuesday, November 1st, 2022 at 8:00am
- \* Mass of Nations  
Sunday, November 20th, 2022 at 11:00am; No 1:00pm Spanish Mass
- \* Thanksgiving Day Mass  
Thursday, November 24th, 2022 at 9:00am in the Church
- \* Feast of the Immaculate Conception  
Wednesday, December 7th, 2022, 8:00am (English) and 7:00pm (Spanish) and  
5:00pm (English)
- \* Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe Masses  
Sunday, December 11th, 2022, All Masses
- \* Christmas Concert  
Sunday, December 11th, 2022 at 5:30pm in the Church
- \* Advent Penance Service  
Monday, December 12th, 2022 at 7:00pm
- \* Nine Day Christmas Novena/Simbang Gabi  
December 14th, 2022 to December 23rd, 2022 at 7:00pm in Church
- \* Christmas Eve Masses  
Saturday, December 24th, 2022 at 5:30pm (English), 7:30pm (Spanish) and  
10:30pm (English)
- \* Christmas Day Masses  
Sunday, December 25th, 2022 All Masses
- \* Feast of the Holy Family Masses  
December 25th and December 26th, 2021, all Masses
- \* Parish New Year's Eve Events  
Sunday, January 1st, 2023 All Masses; New Year's Eve party at 7:30pm
- \* Solemnity of Mary Mother of God Masses  
Sunday, January 1st, 2023 All Masses
- \* The Epiphany of the Lord/Three Kings  
January 8th, 2023 all Masses
- \* The Baptism of the Lord  
January 8th, 2023, All Masses

- \* Conversion of St. Paul Feast Day Masses  
Wednesday, January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 8:00am, and  
January 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>, 2023, All Masses
- \* The Presentation of the Lord  
Thursday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023 at 8:00am and 7:00pm Masses
- \* Feast of St. Blaise/Blessing of the Throats and The Presentation of the Lord  
February 4<sup>th</sup> and February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023, all Masses
- \* Ash Wednesday Services and Masses  
February 22, 2023 at 8:00am, 12:00pm, 3:00pm, 5:00pm (English) and 7:00pm  
(Spanish)
- \* Palm Sunday  
April 1<sup>st</sup> and April 10<sup>2nd</sup>, 2023, all Masses
- \* Lenten Penance Service  
Tuesday, April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 7:00pm
- \* Holy Thursday Mass  
April 6, 2023 at 7:30pm (Trilingual); 8:30pm to 12:30am Exposition of the  
Blessed Sacrament in Church
- \* Good Friday Services  
April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 11:00am Outdoor Living Stations of the Cross, Liturgies:  
3:00pm (English), 5:30pm (Spanish) and 7:30pm Tenebrae (Trilingual)
- \* Easter Vigil  
Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 1:00 pm Blessing of the Food and 8:00pm Vigil Mass
- \* Easter Sunday  
April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022, all Masses
- \* First Communion Day/May Crowning  
Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 10:00am. Mass (reception after Mass)
- \* Mother's Day Masses  
May 13<sup>th</sup> and May 14<sup>th</sup>, all Masses
- \* The Ascension of the Lord  
Thursday, 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023, 8:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.
- \* Pentecost  
May 27<sup>th</sup> and May 28, 2023, all Masses
- \* Confirmation Day  
Sunday, May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 11:00am Mass (reception after Mass)
- \* Feast of Corpus Christi  
June 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023, all Masses
- \* Father's Day Masses  
June 17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023 all Masses

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### ***FAMILY MASS AT ST PAUL:***

*Family Mass is celebrated the last Sunday of each month from September to April at 11:00am (English) and 1:00pm (Spanish)*

*Please join us to celebrate the gift of family.*