

Our Lady of Hope Parish & St. Jerome School
254 Wall Street
West Long Branch, N.J. 07764

Dear Parents/Guardians:

The date of Confirmation is scheduled by the Bishop's office. When they assign the date, you will be informed

During the next few months of preparation, there are a few things we would like to remind you of and ask for your help and cooperation in getting them accomplished.

First, we ask you to assist each candidate with his/her studying of the truths and duties of our religion by hearing their assigned questions which must be memorized **word for word**. One or two are given every week.

Second, regular class attendance is imperative for the reception of the sacrament of Confirmation. Anyone with more than seven absences will have to repeat grade seven and receive Confirmation the following year. **Regular attendance** at Saturday/Sunday Mass (in person or virtual) is required of anyone who wishes to receive Confirmation. It makes no sense to want God in your life sacramentally and not attend Mass, which He asks us to do.

Third, each candidate and their parent must attend an Evening of Recollection. This will depend on the COVID protocols in the fall.

Fourth, a letter from the students requesting the sacrament must be given to me. Please hand the letter in to Sr. Elizabeth who will give them all to me at one time.

Fifth, each candidate must have a sponsor who is a practicing Catholic. (They must obtain a **certificate of eligibility** from their parish priest. This certificate attests that they were baptized, confirmed, and are **practicing** Catholics. Even if your sponsor is a member of Our Lady of Hope Parish, or a son/daughter of yours, they must obtain the certificate from the parish office.

Sixth, students may choose a new patron saint's name for Confirmation or keep their baptismal name. The name chosen for Confirmation must be a **Christian, Saint's name**. They are required to do research on the Saint they have chosen, or their own name, and write a brief account about the life of the Saint. They also need to tell why they chose that saint. The information should come from one of the following websites www.catholic.org (saints and angels); [Choosing-a-Confirmation-saint-name](#). Finally, they must include the source they used for their information.

Thank you for your help and consistent cooperation with our Church guidelines and policies regarding the sacrament of Confirmation.

Sincerely,

Rev. Sheldon Amasa

CONFIRMATION INFORMATION

PLEASE PRINT - This information is needed for Confirmation Records

Name in Full _____

Date of Baptism _____

Church of Baptism _____

Location: (city, state) _____

Father's Name _____

Mother's **Maiden** Name _____

Current Residence of Family (City and State) _____

Sponsor _____

Confirmation Name _____

