**Everything you need to know about Confirmation Class**

1. **Attendance**- It is important to attend all the classes and events. We do realize that sometimes other activities may conflict with a class so please just make sure you text Joanne in advance to let her know you cannot attend class. (We will do our best to come up with a time to make up the class.) Attendance at our retreats is mandatory; it is one of the highlights of the confirmation program (we know you will enjoy the experience).
2. **Sunday Worship**- We encourage you to regularly attend Sunday worship services and/or Sunday School. It is also required that you participate in the Ash Wednesday Agape Worship Dinner Liturgy, Good Friday Stations of the Cross walk and are a liturgist at least one time during your confirmation journey. (Participation in the Advent Event, Easter Sunrise Service, and Youth Sunday are all highly encouraged also!!!)
3. **Service Projects**- You are required to perform a minimum of 50 hours of community service that is to be approved by Joanne. You are responsible for giving those hours to Joanne as you perform your service. As a group you will also perform a service project that will benefit the Church.
4. **Monetary Responsibility**- Each confirmand is responsible for paying $60 toward their Confirmation Class. We ask that this payment is paid by the student and not the parent. (We will be attending a few retreats – the total cost for you for the retreats is only $100- the church will cover the rest – this includes transportation, meals, supplies and lodging - if applicable). Total Cost: $160.00
5. **Statement** **of Faith**- You are required to write a Statement of Faith. You may work on this paper for the next few months. It is due by the first week of May prior to meeting with the Session members.
6. **Parental Involvement**- Parents are an important part of the confirmation process. We thank you for supporting your child and helping with the occasional activity. We would like you to know you are invited to join us whenever you would like – especially on Good Friday when we go to the Loyola Retreat Center in Morristown to walk the Stations of the Cross.
7. **Respect**- We will be talking about personal beliefs and feelings in class; it is important that we respect one another. What we share in class…stays in class. Even if we disagree, we will not disrespect, put down or ridicule what someone says.

**In the end just remember –**

 **this is your journey and what you get out of it depends on what you put into it!**

**Confirmation Class Dictionary**

* **Amen**: So be it!
* **Advent:** coming: the period of preparation for the celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ at Christmas and also of preparation for the Second Coming of Christ.
* **Almighty:** all powerful
* **Apostle:**  person sent – any of the 12 disciples chosen by Jesus
* **Agape:**  the fatherly love of God for humans – the highest form of love
* **Baptism:** a form of ritual purification and admission to the Christian Church.
* **Church:** the congregation…people gathering to praise and worship God
* **catholic church:** the church universal (lower case “c” means universal)
* **Creed:** a formal statement of Christian beliefs
* **Communion of Saints:** a fellowship between Christians living and dead.
* **Confirmation:**  Public profession of faith - a time to recommit ourselves to greater spiritual growth and discipleship
* **Covet:** yearn to possess or have something
* **Deacon:** caregivers of the congregation – offer the ministry of care
* **Disciple:**  a follower of Jesus (especially one of the 12 Apostles)
* **Discernment:** wisdom and good judgement
* **Elder:**  a group of leaders who have responsibility for overseeing the church and serve as the governing body (session)
* **Epiphany:**  appearance – the manifestation of Jesus Christ to the world – 3 Kings Day
* **Grace:**  God’s favor toward the unworthy –unconditional love
* **Hallowed:** Holy
* **Lent:**a time of repentance. These 40 days are set aside to praise and worship the Lord; to read the Bible more, and to pray more often.
* **Name in vain:**  to use the name of someone, esp God, without due respect
* **Pentecost:** the descent of the Holy Spirit on the Apostles – the birthday of the church marking the beginning of the Christian church’s mission to the world.
* **Resurrection:** the rising of Christ from the dead and your eternity is sealed in Jesus.
* **Sabbath:** day of religious observance and abstinence from work (Sunday for most Christians)
* **Saints:** those who believe in Christ – whether on Earth or in Heaven.
* **Sacrament:** Special sacred acts instituted by Christ – Baptism and Lord’s Supper (external signs of water, bread and wine)
* **Session:** The group of active ruling elders, elected by the congregation, who make decisions for the running of the local church and serve as spiritual leaders of the congregation
* **Stewardship:** the responsibility that Christians have in maintaining and using wisely the gifts that God has bestowed.
* **Tithe:** (10th in Hebrew) a portion (10%) of your income given as an offering to the church
* **Incarnate:** in the flesh – in human form
* **Sin:** the deliberate violation of the will of God
* **The Word:** Jesus (Capital “W” means Jesus)