

2026 – 2027 Confirmation Program for 9th Grade

1st Component: Regular weekly Sunday Mass attendance

2nd Component: Required Parent Orientation Meeting

This required orientation meeting will be held once on Sunday, September 13th, 2026, after the 10:30 AM Mass. If you miss this meeting, it will have to be made up before your child can begin the program.

3rd Component: Sunday Coffee and Donuts

Confirmation Candidates and their family are asked to volunteer for two Sundays from September through June to set-up 'Sunday Coffee and Donuts' before the 10:30 AM Mass and clean-up after. Donuts are donated by Shoprite and can be picked up on Sunday morning in Hillsdale. Sign-up link will be emailed to you.

4th Component: Sunday Meetings

Confirmation candidates will meet two Sundays a month from September thru April, always after the 10:30 am Sunday Mass from 11:30 am to 1 pm. These meetings will be led by a team consisting of Fr. Jason, Fr. Michael, and Terri and Kurt Praschak. We will follow the 'Chosen' confirmation preparation program by Ascension Press. These meetings, along with a required all-day retreat at the St. John Paul II Youth Retreat Center in Kearny, NJ one Saturday in January 2027, will help candidates get ready to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. A schedule will be provided for the whole year to be referenced often so as not to miss any events. Confirmation will take place on Sunday, May 2, 2026 during the 8:30 AM Sunday Mass with Bishop Michael Saporito.

5th Component: Service

Each Confirmation candidate is required to perform 20 hours of service to the community. The purpose of this requirement is to give the candidate an experience of giving of their life in service and discovering that they receive life in return.