

~CHOOSING TO BE PEOPLE OF GOD: PRACTICING HOW to LIVE as MORE-ADULT CHRISTIANS~
~AFFIRMING OUR BAPTISMAL FAITH and PROMISES for OURSELVES~
~CONTINUING to CONTRIBUTE, on a MORE-ADULT LEVEL, to the PARISH FAMILY at ST. ELIZABETH'S~

CALENDAR FOR CONFIRMATION CLASS 2017

(As of June 2016)

SEPTEMBER

- Sept. 11 **CONFIRMANDS PRESENTED to Congregation w/PARENTS & SPONSORS*****
SUNDAY CLASS*** After class, 11:30am to 12:15pm parents and sponsors attend a
SPECIAL ORIENTATION-FELLOWSHIP GATHERING in the Confirmation Classroom
- Sept. 18 Sunday Class.
- Sept. 25 **Sunday Class. "Invite Your Sponsor to Class" Day--prepare for Crop Walk outreach*****
- Sept. 28 Wednesday Outreach Opportunity: Feed the Homeless at St. Paul's.

OCTOBER

- Oct. 2 Sunday Class. Confirmands seek donations to fight world hunger at coffee hour.
- Oct. 9 Sunday Class. Confirmands seek donations, continued.
- Oct. 14 **CONFIRMATION RETREAT*** Confirmands at Lake Champion for 2 nights of**
to 16 fun, fellowship and faith. 5:15 pm on Fri. the 14th, to 2:30 pm on Sun. the 16th.
- Oct. 16 Sponsors/families attend CROP WALK*** to fight World Hunger, 1:30 pm, Van Neste Park.
- Oct. 23 Ingathering Brunch for the Parish *in place of class*.
- Oct. 26 Wednesday Outreach Opportunity: Feed the Homeless at St. Paul's.
- Oct. 29 Saturday, Autumn Morning Clean-up and Lunch. (Outreach opportunity for confirmands/sponsors)
- Oct. 30 Sunday class.

NOVEMBER

- Nov. 6 Sunday Class.
- Nov. 13 Sunday Worship. (No class. Outreach opportunity: help host Hospitality Hour w/sponsor or parents)
- Nov. 20 Sunday Class.
- Nov. 22 Interfaith Thanksgiving Service, 7:30 Old Paramus Church
- Nov. 23 Wednesday Outreach Opportunity: Feed the Homeless at St. Paul's.
- Nov. 27 Sunday Class.

DECEMBER

- Dec. 4 Sunday Class.
- Dec. 11 Sunday Class. Advent Concert and Reception, 4:00 pm. (Outreach opportunity: help w/reception)
- Dec. 18 Christmas Pageant *in place of class*.
- Dec. 25 Christmas Day Worship.
- Dec. 28 Wednesday Outreach Opportunity: Feed the Homeless at St. Paul's.

JANUARY

- Jan. 1 Sunday Worship. (New Years Day. No class.)
- Jan. 8 All-parish Trip to Worship at St. Paul's Paterson *in place of class*. (Bus leaves at 10:15 am)
- Jan. 15 Sunday Class.
- Jan. 16 **Monday - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day**
CONFIRMANDS ATTEND RIDGEWOOD'S INTERFAITH SERVICE
for RACIAL JUSTICE.* LUNCH AT DAILY TREAT AFTERWARDS**
- Jan. 22 Sunday Class and Annual Meeting for Adults.
- Jan. 25 Wednesday Outreach Opportunity: Feed the Homeless at St. Paul's.
- Jan. 29 Sunday Class.

FEBRUARY

- Feb. 5 Sunday class.
- Feb. 12 Sunday class.
- Feb. 19 Sunday Worship (No class due to school break)

- Feb. 22 Wednesday Outreach Opportunity: Feed the Homeless at St. Paul's.
 Feb. 26 **SUNDAY CLASS #1 PREPARATION for CONFIRMAND-LED WORSHIP*****
 Feb. 28 **TUESDAY AFTERNOON CLASS #1 w/REV. CONLEY (4:30 to 5:00)***** followed by
 Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper (5:00 pm outreach for confirmands/ parents/sponsors)

MARCH

- March 1 Lent Begins. (4:30 p.m. Ash Wednesday service for children and youth)
 March 5 **SUNDAY CLASS #2 PREPARATION for CONFIRMAND-LED WORSHIP*****
 March 7 **TUESDAY AFTERNOON CLASS #2 w/ REV. CONLEY/MRS. HOSTETLER (4:00 to 5:00)*****
 Mar. 11 **SATURDAY REHEARSAL (10 a.m. to noon)*****
 Mar. 12 **CONFIRMAND-LED MORNING PRAYER SERVICE , 10:00 a.m.*****
 ** special note: Daylight Savings Time – spring forward 1 hour
 Mar. 19 Sunday Class.
 Mar. 22 Wednesday Outreach Opportunity: Feed the Homeless at St. Paul's.
 Mar. 26 Sunday class.
 Mar. 31 **DIOCESAN RETREAT REQUIRED FOR CONFIRMATION.*****
 to Apr. 1 **An overnight of fellowship and faith with confirmands from the Diocese.**
Meet Bishop Beckwith. 7:00 pm Friday evening to 12:15 pm Saturday afternoon.

APRIL

- April 2 No Sunday Class due to retreat.
 April 9 **PALM SUNDAY followed by HOLY WEEK.** (Worship in place of classes on PALM
 to 16 **SUNDAY, MAUNDY THURSDAY evening, GOOD FRIDAY and EASTER VIGIL or EASTER DAY***)**
 April 16 **EASTER DAY.**
 April 23 Sunday class and Interfaith Service for Holocaust memorial, 7:30 pm, West Side
 Apr. 26 Wednesday Outreach Opportunity: Feed the Homeless at St. Paul's.
 Apr. 30 Class Trip to Worship at Mt. Bethel Baptist Church, then Lunch at a
 Confirmand's Home. (Parents/sponsors needed to host/help/drive.)

MAY

- May 6 Saturday, Evening for Outreach Auction, 6:30pm (Opportunity for confirmands to serve).
 May 7 Sunday Class.
 May 13 Saturday, Spring Clean-up Morning and Lunch. (Outreach opportunity for confirmands/sponsors.)
 May 14 Sunday Class.
 May 15 Monday, **EVENING CLASS WITH RECTOR JOHN HARTNETT, 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.*****
 May 20 **SATURDAY CONFIRMATION DAY, 10:00 a.m. at Cathedral in Newark.*****
 May 21 **PRESENTATION OF CONFIRMANDS AT ST. E's 10:00am WORSHIP SERVICE, LAST
 CLASS WITH GIFTS, COFFEE HOUR RECEPTION*****

JUNE

- June 4 Flower Sunday and Parish Picnic
 June 24 to July 1st Teen Mission Trip w/Rev. Conley

*****CONFIRMANDS ARE EXPECTED TO MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO ATTEND EVENTS WHICH ARE BOLD-FACED AND STARRED*****

However, the Diocesan Retreat is required*** The Class will be on Retreat on
 March 31 to April 1 at St. E's. If that date is impossible for any confirmand, he/she (with his/her parent) can attend
 either the Diocesan Retreat on March 3-4, or the one on March 17-18.

OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES for CONFIRMANDS, PARENTS and SPONSORS:

- 1) Host Sunday Hospitality Hour for our parish family (it's easy!) on a Sunday when there is no Sunday Class. Choose date/get instructions from our Parish Administrator, Ann Dowling, in the church office, 201-444-2299.
- 2) Feed the homeless at St. Paul's Shelter. Choose date/get instructions from the Head of our Outreach Committee, Pat Middleton. (The 4th Wednesday of every month is the day on which volunteers from St. Elizabeth's provide and serve the dinners.)
- 3) Help keep our buildings and grounds beautiful by helping at Morning Clean-Up Days, Oct. 29 and May 13.