



The Church of St. Clare

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Dear Confirmation Parents,

We hope this email finds you well. We know you and our candidates have been waiting with great anticipation to safely celebrate Confirmation that was postponed for October. Here at the Church of St. Clare, our team has been working hard to ensure that we can in fact move forward with our celebrations and we are pleased to inform you that we will indeed move forward with our celebrations. Bishop Whalen is equally looking forward to conferring the sacrament to our candidates.

We have closely reviewed the new health and safety guidelines from our state and city governments as well as the new guidelines regarding the celebration of the sacraments from the Archdiocese of New York. After much prayer and consideration, and keeping the new guidelines in mind, the following adjustments will be in effect for the sacraments pertaining to our children.

- We are limited in space for our Confirmation Masses.
- Therefore, each candidate will receive **two (2) tickets**
- **Sponsors and candidates do not need tickets**, everyone else does.
- Students will receive their 2 tickets at their Confirmation Rehearsal
- We will try live stream our masses via our YouTube channel so that family and friends who cannot come to the Church can participate at home.
- Every person who enters our Church **must wear a mask** before entering.

Reconciliation in Preparation for the Sacrament:

- **Every Saturday at 3:30pm-4:30pm** our priests are offering the sacrament of reconciliation in the chapel.
- The sacrament is offered with social distancing observed.
- Penitent and priest wear a mask, the sacrament is offered in an open space and the penitent and priest sit 6ft apart.
- Therefore, students from both St. Clare School and St. Clare Religious Education have from now until **October 17, 2020** to celebrate Penance on their own time.
- When you meet with the priest, be sure to tell him you are a confirmation student so he may cross off your name on his list. If he doesn't have the list, send an email to mnoel@stclaresi.com to confirm reception of the sacrament. Email must be sent on the same weekend you celebrated the sacrament with a simple note confirming reception.
- If you can't make it on a Saturday, please call the rectory at 718-94-7873 and schedule a private ceremony with a priest.

Day of Confirmation:

Early Arrival:

- Confirmation candidates and sponsors should arrive one (1) hour before the mass and meet their teachers and catechists under the tent by the **Presentation Playground**.
- Guests can go right inside to find the pew assigned to your family. **Pews will be marked with the candidate's first and Saint names**
- Tickets will be collected at the entrance door.
- **No guest will be allowed without a ticket**
- **Please note:** Candidates and their sponsors will **sit together with their 2 guests**. Therefore, we cannot give extra tickets from one candidate to another. In other words, **no individual candidate can have more than 2 guests**
- **Please note:** There maybe **two (2) families** in a pew at opposite ends

Entrance Procession: Candidates and sponsors will process in as a unit one at a time. You are free to take pictures during the entrance procession, but we ask you to remain seated so that all parents may see their candidate coming in. The Cantor will invite you to stand at the appropriate time.

Rite of Confirmation: Candidates and sponsors are asked to follow the directions of catechists and teachers for the rite of anointing. We will practice at our rehearsals and also before mass.

Celebration of the Mass: Mass will be celebrated as usual. No Offertory procession because of Covid-19.

Reception of Communion

- Due to Covid-19, Communion will be ministered under the form of Bread only. **The Cup will not be ministered.**
- We ask that all who will be receiving the Eucharist, receive in the **hand only**.
- At the time of communion, those who are coming up for Communion may remove their mask to receive, but they must place the mask right back on immediately after receiving.
- At the time of communion, the bishop and priests will also wear a mask.
- Candidates and sponsors and guests will come up for communion one pew at a time following the directions of catechists and teachers.

Photos: According to Archdiocesan guidelines, no photography is permitted during the mass. At the end of Mass, we will have a photographer take a group picture by the Pathway of Prayer.

The masses will be videotaped by Yearbook Innovation and each child will receive a copy, paid for by your Confirmation Fee.

Low Gluten Hosts-Please let us know if someone in your family is gluten free and we will tell you how to obtain low gluten hosts.

Please find below the schedule. Please be sure to email and/or call us if you have any questions and/or concerns.

God bless,

Fr. Arthur Mastrolia, Pastor

Mrs. Theresa Signorile, Principal

Marie Noel, Pastoral Associate/Director of Religious Education

Make Up Confirmation 2020

Confirmation Dates and Times	Group	Rehearsal Dates and Times
1. October 22, 2020 @ 1:00m	St. Clare School	Wednesday, October 14 th @ 5:30pm-7:30pm Thursday, October 15 th @ 3:00pm-5:00pm
2. October 22, 2020 @ 5:00pm	Religious Education Group 1	Tuesday October 13 th @ 3:00pm-5:00pm Tuesday, October 20 th @ 3:00pm-5:00pm
3. October 23, 2020 @ 1:00pm	Religious Education Group 2	Wednesday October 14 th @ 3:00pm-5:00pm Tuesday, October 20 th @ 5:30pm-7:30pm