

“I Will, with God’s Help”
High School Confirmation Class Series
St. Peter’s Church, Salisbury, MD
2023

Sundays at 12:30pm in the Youth Group Room 2nd Floor Annex
FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is the Sacrament of Confirmation? What is required of those to be confirmed?

Confirmation is the rite in which we express a mature commitment to Christ, and receive strength from the Holy Spirit through prayer and the laying on of hands by a bishop.

It is required of those to be confirmed that they have been baptized, are sufficiently instructed in the Christian Faith, are penitent for their sins, and are ready to affirm their confession of Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord. (BCP p. 860)

When will the bishop be administering the Sacrament of Confirmation?

The XI Bishop of Easton, the Rt. Rev. Santosh Marray, will be administering the Sacrament of Confirmation during his annual visit to St. Peter’s on Sunday, January 21, 2024.

What is the age limit for taking the classes?

Students must be of high school age, generally ages 14 to 18, to take the class.

When are the classes?

Classes are held Sundays at 12:30pm until 2:00pm in the Youth Group Room of the Parish Annex Building. A proposed schedule has been drafted – we tend to meet every other Sunday, generally alternating with the Youth Group, from October through January. We plan to have lunch before each class at 12:15pm and ask that families help with providing food and drink on a rotating basis. Karen Shields will open up the space at 12:15pm. Food and drinks should arrive by 12:20pm. Students and instructors will have lunch when they arrive and try to start as close to 12:30pm as we can.

Is it necessary for my child to be at every class?

To be confirmed, students must attend every class, since each one covers a different area of study that is essential to know to be confirmed. There is time to do a make-up session if one is sick or unable to come, but it will have to be worked out. Please let Father David know upfront if there are dates where there is a conflict with an event or

activity that is more important for your child than attending the class. Since we are anticipating a small class we might be able to move some class dates to accommodate everyone's schedule.

What curriculum are you using for the class?

We are using the Episcopal Confirmation curriculum *I Will with God's Help*. Each student will receive at the start a Journal book and their own Book of Common Prayer. These must be brought to class every time. There will be writing assignments in their journals to be completed between classes.

Students will also need access to a Bible, in print or digitally, since part of their homework will be to read through the Gospel of Luke; they'll be assigned certain chapters to read between classes. The version we use in the church is the NRSV (New Revised Standard Version) but other versions can be used – just don't have them read from a "paraphrased" version like *the Message*.

For more information

There is a confirmation class page on the Parish website which contains the schedule and any other pertinent information you'll need, available 24/7. Here's the link: <http://www.stpeterschurch.net/confirmation-class/>

You can also contact Father David directly: davidmichaud07@gmail.com Office phone: 410-742-5118; text cell: 410-422-7053.Or Karen at 443-783-4715.