



2026-27 Our Lady of the Lake's Confirmation Program

Welcome to the Confirmation Program!

Program Requirements for All Confirmation Candidates (Public & Catholic School Students):

Faith Formation is Mass-centered & followed by a Family Session or Grade level Classes.

➤ **Attend any one of these weekend Masses with parent(s):**

5:30 pm Saturday, 8 am, 10 am or 12 noon Sunday

Sign-in sheets to Mass will be at the main entrance (narthex) to the church.

➤ **After Mass, attend a Family Session or Grade level Class per [Formation Calendar](#):**

Family Catechesis centered on the Holy Mass has become the standard in the Diocese of Paterson. As part of the Confirmation program, we ask that at least one parent accompany their child to the Sunday classes. This important final year of preparation offers families a unique opportunity to deepen their faith together, discuss the teaching of the Church and support one another in preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation. Parents who participated this past year shared very positive feedback about the experience and we are excited to continue this family-centered approach.

Please go to Our Lady of the Lake's website for detailed information. The links are below:

Requirement	Date	Additional Information
Sunday Faith Formation	Parents/Students attend Mass followed by a Family Faith or Class session per calendar.	2026-27 Formation Calendar
Confirmation Meeting	Parent/Student: Sunday, 10/4, After Mass at class.	Where: Reverend Brown School
Choose Your Sponsor	Mid-December, 2026	https://ourladyofthelake.org/confirmation-youth-ministry
Confirmation Saint Name	Mid-January, 2027 (submit on-line)	
Confirmation Sponsor Form	Mid-February, 2027	
Holy Week	Attend Holy Thursday Mass Attend Good Friday Liturgy or Stations.	
Confirmation Service Hours	March 31, 2027 (Form is on-line)	Ellen Willwerth will email service opportunities.
Confirmation Retreat	Saturday, January 23, 2026 (A-K Students) Saturday, April 17, 2027 (L-Z Students) 10:00 am – 6:30 pm (includes 5:30 pm Mass)	Where: McKenna Hall For serious conflicts: Contact Deirdre Nemeth
Youth Ministry <i>Invitation:</i>	Recommended: Youth Group: Mondays 6:30 – 8:00 pm. Contact Ellen Willwerth, Youth Minister EWillwerth@ourladyofthelake.org	Service projects, retreats, peer ministry, youth music, lectors, cantors, ushers, and more. With the help of the Salesian Sisters and our Youth Team, we encourage our young people to be active participants in their faith.
Confirmation Rehearsal (For Students & Sponsors)	Saturday, April 24, 2027 Students/Sponsor will attend the rehearsal right before the Confirmation Mass.	9:30 am Student/Sponsor Rehearsal (10 am Mass) 11:30 am Student/Sponsor Rehearsal (12 pm Mass)
Confirmation Mass with Bishop Sweeney	Saturday, April 24, 2027 10 am & 12 noon Masses	Confirmandi will be assigned to one Mass: 10 am Mass 12 pm Mass

If you have questions regarding the above, please contact:

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