



Confirmation

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THE PARISH OF CHRIST THE REDEEMER, PELHAM

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Outline

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The Confirmation Class this year will be led by Father Matt and Deacon Katie. Any person who is between 8th and 12th grade is invited to join the class – even if you have already been Confirmed by the Bishop. A brief outline of the schedule is below. Please note that we do not yet have a date for the Bishop’s visit.

Classes meet once a month on Sundays from 4:00pm to 7:00 p.m. Confirmation Class members are required to attend class each month and are also encouraged to participate in Youth Group. Our Schedule is on the Google Church Calendar and the Family Ministries Calendar, both of which are available on the Parish Website.

The first assignment is for attendees to write their names on this packet and filling dates for upcoming classes below:

Dates of Confirmation Classes :

Expectations

- Confirmands will be given a packet that includes homework. All homework in the packet must be completed before each class. Much of the homework is copying answers directly from the *Outline of the Faith* at the back of the Prayer Book. We will discuss the answers and any questions you might have.
- All homework must be completed.
- Confirmands cannot miss more than 2 classes. For each missed class, the Confirmand must write a 300-word paper on the topic that was discussed during the missed class.
- Confirmands must memorize the Apostles Creed, Ten Commandments, Psalm 23, Sacraments/Sacramental Rites, and the Lord's Prayer.
- It is required that all Confirmands will attend some form of worship each week at their convenience. That can be the Eucharist, online worship, or simply watching the sermon. It is expected that families/parents will do likewise to set a Christian example for their teen(s).
- Confirmands are invited to serve as Readers on Christmas, the Easter Vigil, Easter Day, and Confirmation. In the current environment that means coming to the church and recording in advance. It is expected that all of the Confirmands will be willing to read at some point for one of these services.
- Every Confirmand is required to do 4 hours of community service before Confirmation. If your teen has any problems figuring out what sort of community service to do, please speak to one of the clergy members. We can find something.
- If/when we meet in person, cell phones will be taken and stored throughout every class.
- For Zoom meetings, attendees must sign in on time, stay to the end, keep their video feed on, and keep their mic/audio unmuted (unless asked to mute) so that they are engaged in the conversation.

Homework #1 - Basics of the Bible

If you need any help on this assignment ask your parents or call Father Matt on his cell 914-471-0260.

About the Bible: The Bible is divided into two parts, the Old Testament (sometimes called the Hebrew Bible), and the New Testament. There are many books and letters in the Bible.

- 1) Get a Bible. Find the Table of Contents in your Bible. What are the first five books of the Bible?

English Translations: The Old Testament was originally written in Hebrew and the New Testament was originally written in Greek. Your Bible has been translated into English. A few different English Translations include “King James Version”, “New International Version”, “Revised Standard Version”, “New Revised Standard Version”, “New Jerusalem Bible”, “New American Bible”.

- 2) What translation is your Bible?

Chapters and Verses: Every book in the Bible has been divided into Chapters and Verses. Chapters are shown as large numbers before a large portion of text. Verses tend to be small numbers before every sentence.

- 3) Find Genesis (the first book in the Bible – use the Table of Contents if you need to). Chapter 1, Verse 1, starts “In the beginning...” What did God create in the beginning?
- 4) Find Genesis, Chapter 1, Verse 3. What does God do in verse 3?
- 5) Find the Gospel according to Mark (it might be listed as “Mark” and it will be near the end of your Bible – use the Table of Contents if you need to). What is Mark, Chapter 1, Verse 1.

Homework #2 - The Gospel according to Mark

If you need any help on this assignment ask your parents or call Father Matt on his cell 914-471-0260.

The Gospel according to Mark: There are four Gospels in the Bible: Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. Before our first class, your assignment is to read the shortest Gospel, which is the Gospel according to Mark. Mark is 16 chapters. It's a good idea to read Mark in four parts. Chapters 1-4, 5-8, 9-12, 13-16. After you read each part, answer these questions (it's a good idea to look at the questions before you start).

Questions about Mark, Chapters 1-4

- 6) Does the Gospel of Mark tell the story of Jesus' birth?
- 7) What are the names of the first four people Jesus calls as his disciples (Chapter 1, verses 16-20)?
- 8) What job does Levi do (Chapter 2)?
- 9) In Chapter 3, Jesus appoints twelve apostles. What are their names?

Questions about Mark, Chapters 5-8

- 10) Chapter 6 explains how John the Baptist died. His head was placed on what?
- 11) Who does Peter say that Jesus is in Chapter 6, verse 29.
- 12) What chapter of the Gospel features the Feeding of 5000 people?
- 13) What chapter of the Gospel features the Feeding of 4000 people?
- 14) Name two miracles (other than the feedings of 4000 and 5000) that happen in chapters 5-8 of the Gospel of Mark, and note what chapter each comes from.

Questions about Mark, Chapters 9-12

- 15) Does the Transfiguration (Chapter 9) occur on a mountain, in a boat, or at Terrapin Station?
- 16) In Chapter 10, verses 25, Jesus says that it is easier for a _____ to go through the eye of a needle.
- 17) What is the name of the blind man who is healed in Chapter 10, verse 46?
- 18) Chapter 11 begins with an event that the church celebrates every year. Is that event Christmas, Palm Sunday, or the Magical Mystery Tour?
- 19) True or false: In Chapter 12, Verses 41 through 44, Jesus commends rich people for giving more than a poor widow.

Questions about Mark, Chapters 11-16

- 20) Who betrays Jesus in Chapter 14?
- 21) Jesus eats at a Passover Dinner in Chapter 14. Do Christians refer to that dinner as “The Last Supper”, “Beggars Banquet”, or “Oktoberfest”?
- 22) How many times does Peter deny Jesus in Chapter 14?
- 23) In Chapter 15, Jesus is condemned to death by the Roman Governor. Is the governor named Pilate, Voldemort, or Sauron?
- 24) What time is Jesus crucified (look at Chapter 15, verse 25)?
- 25) What time does darkness cover the land (look at Chapter 15, verse 33)?
- 26) What time does Jesus cry out and then die (look at Chapter 15, verse 34)?
- 27) Whose tomb is Jesus buried in (look at Chapter 15, verse 42 through 47)?
- 28) Name the women who first find the tomb of Jesus empty (look at Chapter 16)?
- 29) Christians celebrate the resurrection of Jesus every year. Is the name of that celebration “Aoxomoxoa”, “Easter”, or “Confirmation”?

Homework #3 – Community Service

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- 1) Does your school require Community Service?
- 2) If so, how many hours?
- 3) Give three examples of community service that Jesus did in the Gospel according to Mark.
- 4) Make a list of all the community service hours you have done since 6th grade:
- 5) What was the most interesting Community Service you have done?
- 6) What was the least interesting Community Service you have done?
- 7) List three ideas for Community Service that you would like the Confirmation Class to do?
- 8) Christians refer to Community Service as “Outreach”. Can you guess why?

Homework #4 – The Service of the Church

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- 1) What is the Principal act of Christian worship on the Lord’s Day and other major Feasts? (see pg. 13)

- 2) What are the four orders within the church? (see pg. 13 – paragraph four)

- 3) Who is normally the leader of worship in the church? (pg. 13)

- 4) What version of the Bible are scriptural citations from in the Prayer Book? (pg. 14)

- 5) What is a hymn (Google it if you don’t know)?

- 6) What is an anthem (Google it if you don’t know)?

Homework #5 - The Baptismal Covenant

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Baptism: Get a Prayer Book. Open it to page 298. Read pages 298-314.

- 1) Complete this sentence on page 298. "Baptism is full initiation by _____ and the _____ into Christ's Body the _____. The bond which God establishes in _____ is _____."
- 2) What does indissoluble mean (you may have to use the internet)?
- 3) On page 299 the word "One" appears numerous times. Give 5 examples of things that are "One". (for example "One Body")
- 4) Name three things that we renounce in Baptism (page 302).
- 5) Who do you turn to and accept as your Savior (page 302)?
- 6) True or false: The first part of the Baptismal Covenant on page 304 is basically the same as the Apostles Creed found on page 96.
- 7) At the top of page 305 in whom do we promise to seek and serve Christ: "famous people", "our friends and family", or "all persons"?
- 8) At the top of page 305 do we promise to strive for: "money and power", "happiness and pleasure", or "peace and justice"?

- 9) Do we strive for that among “all people” or “people we like”?
- 10) Does all people include your enemies?
- 11) On Page 306-307 the water for Baptism is blessed. At the bottom of page 306 the blessing notes that we are buried and reborn. With whom are we buried? By what/whom are we born again?
- 12) What are the words that must be used for Baptism (look at the bottom of page 307)?
- 13) In case of emergency who can administer baptism (look at the bottom of page 313)?
- 14) What are the words that must be used for emergency Baptism (look at the bottom of page 313)?

Confirmation: Get a Prayer Book. Open it to page 412. Read pages 412-419.

- 15) Who administers Confirmation?
- 16) The Confirmation Service and the Baptismal Service are pretty similar. The paragraph at the top of page 412 explains why. Complete this sentence.

In the course of their Christian development, those _____ at an early age are expected, when they are ready and have been duly prepared, to make a public _____ of their _____ and _____ to the _____ of their _____ and to receive the laying on of hands.

Homework #6 - Human Nature

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- 1) What are we by nature? (pg. 845)

- 2) What does it mean to be created in the image of God? (pg. 845)

- 3) Why then do we live apart from God and out of harmony with creation? (pg. 845)

- 4) Why do we not use our freedom as we should? (pg. 845)

- 5) What help is there for us? (pg. 845)

- 6) How did God first help us? (pg. 845)

- 7) Do you have any comments, concerns, or questions for the class to discuss?

Homework #7 – God the Father

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- 1) What do we learn about God as creator from the revelation to Israel? (pg. 846)

- 2) What does this mean? (pg. 846)

- 3) What does this mean about our place in the universe? (pg. 846)

- 4) What does this mean about human life? (pg. 846)

- 5) How was this revelation handed down to us? (pg. 846)

- 6) Do you have any comments, concerns, or questions for the class to discuss?

Homework #8 –The Old Covenant

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- 1) What is meant by a covenant with God? (pg. 846)

- 2) What is the Old Covenant? (pg. 846)

- 3) What did God promise them? (pg. 846)

- 4) What response did God require from the chosen people? (pg. 847)

- 5) Where is this Old Covenant to be found? (pg. 847)

- 6) Where in the Old Testament is God's will for us shown most clearly? (pg. 847)

- 7) Do you have any comments, concerns, or questions for the class to discuss?

Homework #9– The Ten Commandments

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1) List the Ten Commandments found on page 350.

i.

ii.

iii.

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v.

vi.

vii.

viii.

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x.

2) What are the Ten Commandments? (pg. 847)

3) What do we learn from these commandments? (pg. 847)

4) What is our duty to God? (pg. 847)

Our duty is to _____ and _____ in God;

I

II

III

IV

5) What is our duty to our neighbors? (pg. 848)

Our duty to our _____ is to love them as _____, and to do to other _____ as we wish them to do to us;

V

VI

VII

VIII

IX

X

- 6) What is the purpose of the Ten Commandments? (pg. 848)
- 7) Since we do not fully obey them, are they useful at all? (pg. 848)
- 8) Do you have any comments, concerns, or questions for the class to discuss?
- 9) Memorize the Ten Commandments below
1. ***Hear the commandments of God to his people: I am the Lord your God who brought you out of bondage. You shall have no other gods but me.***
 2. **You shall not make for yourself any idol.**
 3. **You shall not invoke with malice the Name of the Lord your God.**
 4. **Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy.**
 5. **Honor your father and your mother.**
 6. **You shall not commit murder.**
 7. **You shall not commit adultery.**
 8. **You shall not steal.**
 9. **You shall not be a false witness.**
 10. **You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.**

Homework #10 – Sin & Redemption

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- 1) What is sin? (pg. 848)

- 2) How does sin have power over us? (pg. 849)

- 3) What is redemption? (pg. 849)

- 4) How did God prepare us for redemption? (pg. 849)

- 5) What is meant by the Messiah? (pg. 849)

- 6) Who do we believe is the Messiah? (pg. 849)

- 7) Do you have any comments, concerns, or questions for the class to discuss?

Homework #11 – God the Son

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- 1) What do we mean when we say that Jesus is the only Son of God? (pg. 849)

- 2) What is the nature of God revealed in Jesus? (pg. 849)

- 3) What do we mean when we say that Jesus was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and became incarnate from the Virgin Mary? (pg. 849)

- 4) Why did he take our human nature? (pg. 850)

- 5) What is the great importance of Jesus' suffering and death? (pg. 850)

- 6) What is the significance of Jesus' resurrection? (pg. 850)

- 7) What do we mean when we say that he descended to the dead? (pg. 850)

- 8) What do we mean when we say that he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father? (pg. 850)

- 9) How can we share in his victory over sin, suffering, and death? (pg. 850)

- 10) Do you have any comments, concerns, or questions for the class to discuss?

Homework #12 – The New Covenant

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- 1) What is the New Covenant? (pg. 850)

- 2) What did the Messiah promise in the New Covenant? (pg. 851)

- 3) What response did Christ require? (pg. 851)

- 4) What are the commandments taught by Christ? (pg. 851)

- 5) What is the Summary of the Law? (pg. 851)

- 6) What is the New Commandment? (pg. 851)

- 7) Where may we find what Christians believe about Christ? (pg. 851)

- 8) Do you have any comments, concerns, or questions for the class to discuss?

Homework #13 – The Creeds

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- 1) What are the creeds? (pg. 851)

- 2) How many creeds does this Church use in its worship? (pg. 852)

- 3) What is the Apostles' Creed? (pg. 852)

- 4) What is the Nicene Creed? (pg. 852)

- 5) What, then, is the Athanasian Creed? (pg. 852)

- 6) What is the Trinity? (pg. 852)

7) The Nicene Creed is said at the Holy Eucharist on most Sunday mornings and on major Holy Days. The Nicene Creed is on 358 of the Prayer Book. Write it out below.

8) The Apostles Creed is said at Baptism, at Morning and Evening Prayer, and sometimes at the Eucharist. The Apostles Creed is on 96 of the Prayer Book. Write it out below.

9) Do you have any comments, concerns, or questions for the class to discuss?

Homework #15 – The Holy Scriptures

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- 1) What are the Holy Scriptures? (pg. 853)

- 2) What is the Old Testament? (pg. 853)

- 3) What is the New Testament? (pg. 853)

- 4) What is the Apocrypha? (pg. 853)

- 5) Why do we call the Holy Scriptures the Word of God? (pg. 853)

- 6) How do we understand the meaning of the Bible? (pg. 853)

- 7) Do you have any comments, concerns, or questions for the class to discuss?

6) Why is the Church described as catholic? (pg. 854)

7) Why is the Church described as apostolic? (pg. 854)

8) What is the mission of the Church? (pg. 855)

9) How does the Church pursue its mission? (pg. 855)

10) Through whom does the Church carry out its mission? (pg. 855)

11) Do you have any comments, concerns, or questions for the class to discuss?

Homework #17 – The Ministers of the Church

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- 1) Who are the ministers of the Church? (pg. 855)

- 2) What is the ministry of the laity? (pg. 855)

- 3) What is the ministry of a bishop? (pg. 855)

- 4) What is the ministry of a priest or presbyter? (pg. 856)

- 5) What is the ministry of a deacon? (pg. 856)

- 6) What is the duty of all Christians? (pg. 856)

- 7) Do you have any comments, concerns, or questions for the class to discuss?

Homework #18 – Prayer and Worship

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- 1) What is prayer? (pg. 856)

- 2) What is Christian Prayer? (pg. 856)

- 3) What prayer did Christ teach us? (pg. 856)

- 4) What are the principal kinds of prayer? (pg. 856)

- 5) What is adoration? (pg. 857)

- 6) Why do we praise God? (pg. 857)

- 7) For what do we offer thanksgiving? (pg. 857)

8) What is penitence? (pg. 857)

9) What is prayer of oblation? (pg. 857)

10) What are intercession and petition? (pg. 857)

11) What is corporate worship? (pg. 857)

12) Do you have any comments, concerns, or questions for the class to discuss?

Homework #19 – Sacraments, Baptism & The Holy Eucharist

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- 1) What are the Sacraments (pg. 857)

- 2) What is grace? (pg. 858)

- 3) What are the two great sacraments of the Gospel? (pg. 858)

- 4) What page is the Holy Baptism service on in your prayer book?

- 5) Do you remember when you were Baptized?

- 6) Ask a parent if they have a copy of your Baptism Certificate. What was the date of your Baptism? Where were you Baptized? Who Baptized you?

7) What is Holy Baptism? (pg. 858)

8) What is the outward and visible sign in Baptism? (pg. 858)

9) What is the inward and spiritual grace in Baptism? (pg. 858)

10) What is required of us at Baptism? (pg. 858)

11) Why then are infants baptized? (pg. 858)

12) How are the promises for infants made and carried out? (pg. 858/859)

13) What is the Holy Eucharist? (pg. 859)

14) Why is the Eucharist called a sacrifice? (pg. 859)

15) By what other names is this service known? (pg. 859)

16) What is the outward and visible sign in the Eucharist? (pg. 859)

17) What is the inward and spiritual grace given in the Eucharist? (pg. 859)

18) What are the benefits which we receive in the Lord's Supper? (pg. 859)

19) What is required of us when we come to the Eucharist? (pg. 860)

20) What page is the Holy Eucharist (Rite Two) service on in your prayer book?

21) Do you remember when you had your first Holy Communion? How old were you?

22) Do you remember where you had your first Holy Communion? What was the name of the church?

23) Do you have any comments, concerns, or questions for the class to discuss?

6) What is Holy Matrimony? (pg. 861)

Note: The Catechism in the Prayer Book was published in 1979 before two people of the same gender could legally be married. In 2015 the United States Supreme Court allowed for people of the same gender to legally marry throughout the nation. In 2015 the Episcopal Church modified the Canons (or Rules) for Marriage in the Episcopal Church to allow for two people of the same gender to marry.

7) What is Reconciliation of a Penitent? (pg. 861)

8) What is Unction of the Sick? (pg. 861)

9) Is God's activity limited to these rites? (pg. 861)

10) How are the sacraments related to our Christian hope? (pg. 861)

12) Do you have any comments, concerns, or questions for the class to discuss?

7) What is the communion of saints? (pg. 862)

8) What do we mean by everlasting life? (pg. 862)

9) What, then, is our assurance as Christians? (pg. 862)

10) Do you have any comments, concerns, or questions for the class to discuss?

Confirmands must memorize:

The Apostles Creed, Ten Commandments, Psalm 23,
Sacraments/Sacramental Rites, and the Lord's Prayer

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth;
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

Ten Commandments

1. Hear the commandments of God to his people: I am the Lord your God who brought you out of bondage. You shall have no other gods but me.
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3. You shall not invoke with malice the Name of the Lord your God.
4. Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy.
5. Honor your father and your mother.
6. You shall not commit murder.
7. You shall not commit adultery.
8. You shall not steal.
9. You shall not be a false witness.
10. You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.

Psalm 23

The LORD is my shepherd; *

I shall not be in want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures *

and leads me beside still waters.

He revives my soul *

and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.

Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I shall fear no evil; *

for you are with me;

your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; *

you have anointed my head with oil,

and my cup is running over.

Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, *

and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

Sacraments/Sacramental Rites

- The two great sacraments given by Christ to his Church are **Holy Baptism** and the **Holy Eucharist**.
- Other sacramental rites which evolved in the Church include **confirmation**, **ordination**, **holy matrimony**, **reconciliation of a penitent**, and **unction**.

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven,

hallowed be thy Name,

thy kingdom come,

thy will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those

who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,

and the power, and the glory,

for ever and ever. Amen.