

**Confirmation Will Be Celebrated on
Thursday, March 27th 2025 at 4:00 pm
*Bishop David O'Connell will be our Celebrant.***

**Diocese of Trenton Religious Education Requirements for
Confirmation:**

“The Sacrament of Confirmation for children of catechetical age is conferred upon those who have been baptized, received the Sacrament of Reconciliation and Eucharist, have been instructed in their faith and have demonstrated a capacity and willingness to participate in the life of the church.”

**This packet will also be posted on the webpage:
stclementreligious.org**

Parent Responsibilities

- Attend Confirmation Meeting with your child.
- Enrollment Promise – Signed by Parent & Student
Due this evening.
- Sponsor Statement of Faith and the Student
Information Sheet Both due January 26th 27th 28th
2025
(Depending on class day)

Both Forms may be sent in earlier.

Student Responsibilities

All Forms and Requirements may be brought in earlier.

- **Enrollment Promise** – Signed by Parent & Student - Due this evening.
- **Student Attendance at Retreat is Required – Friday October 25th 2024**
6:00 pm to approximately 9:00 pm in the gym. Student MUST be accompanied by an adult preferably their sponsor. It is understood if sponsor is younger than 18 years old.
- **Letter to Fr. Tom** – Why do you want to be confirmed? How have you prepared and how will you continue preparing?
Due December 8th 9th 10th 2024 (Depending on class day)
- **Saint Report** – Students will choose a Saint Name for Confirmation. This report is research on their chosen Saint. Please see attached.
Due February 2nd 3rd 4th 2025 (Depending on class day)
- **Sponsor Interview**– This project is interactive. It's to be an interview, not a form to give to the sponsor for sponsor to fill out. Suggested questions are attached.
Due February 9th 10th 11th 2025 (Depending on class day)
- **Gifts of the Spirit Project** – A Drawing, Collage, Painting, etc. or a handwritten or computer-generated piece showing the Gifts of The Holy Spirit.
Due February 23rd 24th 25th 2025 (Depending on class day)
- **Christian Service** – Each student will be required to perform **10 hours** of Christian Service (Please see attached)
The Form and Reflection Due March 2nd 3rd 4th 2025 (Depending on class day)
- **Regular Attendance at Sunday Mass and Holy Days of Obligation.** On the first day of class a small notebook will be supplied for a Homily Journal.

There will be a One Hour Sacramental Preparation session in the church on February 18th 2025 at 7:00 pm for both Students and Parent (or parents)

Students will attend 11:00 am Mass with teachers as a group on Sunday March 23rd and there will be a second one-hour preparation session following mass. Parents are welcome but not required.

Practice during the week before Confirmation – The sponsors are required at the practice. If a sponsor cannot be there, a parent may stand in. (Date will be e-mailed and posted on the webpage).

Fr. Tom will hear individual confessions before Confirmation during classes.

Students are required to become familiar with the Confirmation Questions / Answers about our faith. They can be found on the St. Clement Religious Education Website: stclementreligious.org

Confirmation Day Dress Code Requirements:

All students and sponsors must be neatly and appropriately dressed.

Girls: Dress, skirt and blouse or dress slacks, dress shoes. Dresses and skirts must be of the appropriate length for Church.

Boys: Dress pants or khakis with button down shirt and dress shoes.

Students will wear robes – the girls, white, the boys red. The robes will be distributed the week before Confirmation during class. Following the ceremony, students will return the robes and will receive their Confirmation certificates.

Child's Name _____ Date _____

St. Clement Church
172 Freneau Ave. Matawan, NJ 07747

Sponsor's Statement of Faith

I recognize that as a Sponsor, I must be mature and accepting of the responsibility of this role. I am eager to help the parents to train their child in the practices of the Catholic faith; in worship and sacrament, by witness and service. I recognize that Confirmation is the **beginning** of this child's faith journey, and I am willing to walk beside him/her to set an example, offer support and model Gospel values as a disciple of Jesus.

I, _____ hereby state that I:
Please Print _____ Signature _____

_____ I have achieved my 16th birthday and have received the Sacraments of Baptism, Holy Eucharist and Confirmation.

_____ I am a registered member of _____ Parish in _____
City, State

_____ I participate weekly at Sunday Mass

_____ I was never married OR

_____ My marriage is a valid Catholic Marriage: _____
(Church, City, State)

_____ I am **NOT** the parent of the child being Confirmed. Relationship to child _____

Address _____ Phone _____

City, State, Zip _____

Certification of Sponsorship

***** (This section **DOES NOT** need to be completed by sponsors who are members of **St. Clement Parish**.
The Religious Education office will verify sponsor eligibility) *****

This is to certify, that, to the best of my knowledge, _____ is:

_____ A registered member of _____ Parish and a weekly participant at Sunday Mass.

_____ A Catholic canonically in good standing and I recommend this person to act as a Sponsor.

Priest: _____
(Please Print) _____ Signature _____

Church Name & Address _____ Church Seal (Required)

Sponsor Requirements

- 16 Years of Age or Older on Confirmation Day
- Have Received the Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation
- Practicing Catholic – Attend Mass Regularly
- Cannot be the Parent, Legal Guardian or Step Parent
- If Married, Marriage must be a Valid Catholic Marriage

Student Information Sheet

Due January 26th 27th 28th 2025 (Or Before)

Date _____

Student Name (Printed) _____

Student's Age on Confirmation Day _____

Student's Height _____

Saint Name for Student's Confirmation Name _____

Parent Name (Printed) _____

St. Clement Religious Education Confirmation/Saint Name Worksheet

Student Name _____ Class Day/Time _____

Name Selection:

I am using my Baptismal (first) name, which is: _____

I am selecting a name of a Saint as my Confirmation name, which is: _____

Saint's Date of Birth _____ Saint's Feast Day _____

Saint's Date of Death _____

Summarize Internet Research: _____

Summarize Reading Research _____

Attach a photo or image of the saint on the back side of this page.



Summarize conversations with adults (Sponsors, Parents, Godparents, Grandparents, Teachers, Priests):

Key Events/ Accomplishments in Saint's Life:

List the qualities of this Saint that you most admire and wish to imitate:

List other information of interest about this Saint:

Confirmation Sponsor Interview

Student Name: _____

Sponsor Name & Relationship _____

Part I:

The following are some suggested questions to ask your sponsor. If you ask additional or other questions, please write your question and their response. You should include questions about their Confirmation experience.

- 1) Who was your Confirmation sponsor and why was he/she chosen?

- 2) What do you remember about your Confirmation?

- 3) How old were you and where were you Confirmed?

- 4) What was your Confirmation name and why did you chose it?

- 5) Who is Jesus to you?

- 6) When you think about the Church, what are the first thoughts or images that come to mind?

- 7) Can you tell me about a time when you felt the Holy Spirit at work in your life?

- 8) Who is the person that has most influenced you in your relationship with Jesus?

- 9) In what ways might you be able to help me as my Sponsor during my preparation for Confirmation and in my spiritual life beyond that day?

PART II:

REFLECTION ON YOUR SPONSOR

After talking with your sponsor, reflect on what you have learned and what you know about this person. Be sure to answer the following questions:

- 1) What qualities do you admire about this person you have chosen to be your sponsor?

- 2) How is this person living the *Gospel* in their everyday life? (What are they doing to follow Jesus and his teachings?)

- 3) Why did you choose him/her to be your Sponsor?

- 4) Why do you think that he/she is a good Catholic example for you?

- 5) Concluding thoughts . . .

8th Grade Christian Service

Students preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation are required to perform **10 hours of Christian Service**. It is our hope that you will look upon these 10 hours as the beginning of a lifelong commitment to Christian service and find it to be a privilege, not a burden. Service is discipleship in action and an important element of your lifelong faith journey.

Of course, Christian Service means not accepting money from those you help.

Parents are encouraged to stay with their children wherever they are performing their service hours. Parents bear responsibility for any safety concerns should they choose to “drop off” their children wherever service hours are being performed.

Attached please find a **Log Sheet** to keep track of hours.

It is due March 2nd 3rd 4th 2025 Depending on Class Day.

Your Name _____

Date of Service	Organization	Type of service performed	Hours	Verified By - Print Name & Position	Verified by - Signature

I attest that my child, _____, has performed 10 hours of Christian Service as listed above.

Parent Name printed

Parent Signature

Student Signature

Date

Please use the reverse side of this page to write a Reflection about your Christian Service and how it has impacted your spiritual journey.

Suggestions for Service Projects:

Jesus said, "Here I am among you as one who serves." (Luke 22:27)

Before making a commitment to a service project, think about the variety of ways in which you can use your talents and abilities to help others. These suggestions are only some of the ways other candidates have chosen to serve. Perhaps something on this list will help you decide the service you would like to perform. The list may give you some other ideas of what you would like to do. Perhaps you have your own special service in mind.

Before making your decision and commitment:

- Pray to the Holy Spirit for guidance
- Talk to your parents and sponsor
- Find out the "real needs" of the people in your family, neighborhood, parish, school, or community

Join the choir

Serve Mass

Help prepare for a children's liturgy

Help in the CCD program

Visit the elderly at home or in a nursing home

Assist senior citizens with their chores

Baby-sit for someone who needs help

Organize a "clean-up" campaign in the parish, school, or local park

Organize or help with a recycling project

Help a needy family

Volunteer to work in a hospital

Tutor after school

Shop for an elderly neighbor or relative

Do yard work at the school or parish

Join a service group

Write cards or letters to hospitalized children or teens

Collect food for the poor

Help with a fund raising project for a charitable organization

Collect, clean, and repair clothing for the poor

Earn money for the missions by washing cars, babysitting, etc.

Work at a food bank

Serve as a teacher's aid

Perform special services for the handicapped

Prepare a meal or dessert for a family whose parent or child has died

Collect toys for poor children

Read to the blind

Make audiotapes for the blind or elderly

Make gifts or favors for hospitals or nursing homes

Prepare entertainment or holiday parties for nursing homes or child care centers

Collect and deliver magazines to the emergency waiting rooms, hospital waiting rooms, etc.

Coach or assist with young children's sports activities.

Prayer to the Holy Spirit

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of Your faithful, and enkindle in us the fire of Your love. Send forth Your Spirit and we shall be created; and You will renew the face of the earth. O God, Who did teach the hearts of Your faithful by the light of the Holy Spirit, grant us in the same Spirit to be truly wise, and ever to rejoice in His consolation. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.