

CONFIRMATION QUESTIONS

God

1. Who is God? **God is the Supreme, Spiritual being who knows and does all things.**
2. What is meant by the Greatest Mystery of the Church – the Blessed Trinity?
three persons in one God – Father, Son, Holy Spirit
3. What is meant by "Spiritual"? **God has no flesh and bones like us.**
4. Why do we call God, "Father"? **Like our own Fathers, God is responsible for our existence and He provides for us.**
5. What does "Create " mean? **To make something out of nothing.**
6. What does it mean to believe? **To accept as true, even though we can't understand it.**
7. What is the greatest act of worship in the Church? **The Celebration of Mass.**
8. Who established the Catholic Church? **Jesus**
9. What is Christian? **A Christian is someone who believes in Jesus.**
10. What is a practicing Catholic? **One who attends Mass and receives the Sacraments.**
11. What does the word "Catholic" mean? **Catholic means universal.**
12. Are all Christians Catholic? **No, some Christians are Protestants**
13. What is heaven? **The presence of God.** . What is hell? **The absence of God.**
14. Who can forgive sins? **Only God**
15. What is necessary for sins to be forgiven? **Atonement and forgiving others**

The Bible

16. What are the two parts of the Bible and what is the difference between the two?
Old and New Testament – before and after the birth of Jesus
17. What is another name for the Old Testament? **Hebrew Scripture**
18. What is the Torah? **The first 5 books of Hebrew Scripture**
19. What are the first 5 books of the Bible called? **The Pentateuch**
20. Where are the Gospels found and who wrote them? **New Testament – Matthew, Mark, Luke, John**

21. What is a parable? **A short story told by Jesus to teach a lesson**

The Birth of Jesus

22. What does the Church call the event in which Mary, being a Virgin, also became a Mother? **This is the Doctrine of the Virgin Birth.**

23. What is the Feast of the Annunciation? **The day Gabriel appeared to Mary and she conceived Jesus in her womb.**

24. What was Mary's response when the angel Gabriel appeared to her?
"Let it be done to me. According to your word."

25. What is Advent? **4 weeks of expectant waiting and preparation for the celebration of the Nativity of Jesus at Christmas.**

26. Why was Jesus born in a stable? **Mary & Joseph found no room, so they stayed in the stable.**

27. When and where was Jesus born? **December 25th in Bethlehem, Israel**

28. Was Dec. 25 the actual date of his birth? **In his book, *The Spirit of the Liturgy*, Pope Benedict comments: "The claim used to be made that December 25 developed in opposition to the Mithras myth, or as a Christian response to the cult of the unconquered sun promoted by Roman emperors in the third century in their efforts to establish a new imperial religion. However, these old theories can no longer be sustained" (pp., 107-108).**

29. Who was the first person to know about the birth of Jesus? **A choir of Angels appeared to the Shepherds, and they were the first to know.**

The Resurrection

30. What is Lent? **Lent is the 40 day period of fasting and repentance during the liturgical year from Ash Wednesday to Easter**

31. What happened on Palm Sunday? **Jesus was hailed as He entered Jerusalem**

32. Which Apostle betrayed Jesus? **Judas**

33. Who was Pontius Pilate? **The Roman governor of Israel who had Jesus put to death**

34. What crime was Jesus accused of? **Inciting the Jews against Caesar and being King of the Jews**

35. What are the three days during Holy Week? **The Triduum - Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday**

36. What happened on Holy Thursday? **Last Supper**

37. When did Jesus die? **Good Friday**

38. How did Jesus die? **Hung on the cross**
39. What were the last words spoken by Jesus before he died on the cross?
"Father, into Thy hands I commend my Spirit"
40. What happened on Easter and why? **Jesus rose from the dead and appeared to the Apostles – He died for our sins that we may have eternal life with Him in heaven.**
41. Did anyone see Jesus rise from the dead? **The moment was viewed only by God, but many people saw Jesus "after" he rose from the dead, Mary Magdalene being the first to see him.**
42. Who was chosen to lead the Apostles and what does his name mean? **Peter means rock**
43. How many Apostles were there and what was their occupation? **12 – mostly fishermen**
44. What happened 40 days after Easter? Ascension Thursday – **Jesus ascended into heaven**
45. What is Pentecost? **The Birthday of the Church –when the Holy Spirit appeared to the Apostles and Mary, his mother.**
46. When is Pentecost? **50 days after Easter**
47. Who are the successors of the Apostles? **The Bishops**

The Church

48. Where is the Center of the Catholic Church? **Rome, Italy - Vatican City**
49. What is the official language of the Church? **Latin**
50. What are the chief duties of the Church? **To teach, govern and sanctify**
51. Who is our current Pope? **Pope Francis**
52. Who elects the Pope? **The Cardinals elect the Pope**
53. What is a Cardinal? **A Cardinal assists the Pope and they also elect the Pope.**
54. What is a Diocese and what is the name of ours? **An area under the jurisdiction of the church – ours is the Diocese of Trenton**
55. Who is the Bishop of Trenton? **Bishop David O'Connell**
56. What is the smallest unit of the Church? **The Parish**
57. Who is the Pastor of St. Clement? **Father Thomas Vala**
58. When does the Liturgical Year begin? **The first Sunday of Advent**
59. What is the tabernacle? **A special case or box in church containing the consecrated**

host of the Eucharist.

60. What is the Sanctuary Lamp? **The light that burns continually before the Tabernacle to show the presence of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.**
61. What is the sacristy? **A room in a church where the robes and altar vessels are stored, where the clergy vest themselves for services.**
62. What is the sanctuary? **The holiest part of a Christian church around the altar.**

Teachings

63. Name the parts of the Mass. **Introductory Rites, Liturgy of the Word, Liturgy of the Eucharist, Concluding Rite**

64. Name the Holy Days of Obligation. (6)

Immaculate Conception	December 8th
Christmas	December 25th
Solemnity of Mary	January 1st
Ascension Thursday	40 days after Easter
Assumption of Mary	August 15th
All Saints Day	November 1st

65. What are the 7 Gifts of the Holy Spirit? An inclination received by the Holy Spirit at Baptism and Confirmation, including: **Wisdom – Understanding – Right Judgment – Courage-Knowledge – Reverence – Wonder and Awe**

66. How many Stations of the Cross are there and where are they located in St. Clement Church? What do they represent? **There are 14 stations of the cross and they are on the back of the Church on the walls, they depict the Crucifixion of Jesus**

67. How many Commandments are there and which is the greatest? **10 / Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.**

68. What is a sacrament? **An outward sign by the church to give grace**

69. Name the 7 Sacraments. **Baptism, Reconciliation, Holy Communion, Matrimony, Confirmation, Holy Orders, Anointing of the Sick**

70. Name the 3 Sacraments of Initiation. **Baptism, Communion, Confirmation**
Name the Sacraments of Healing: **Reconciliation, Anointing of the Sick**
Name the Sacraments of Commitment: **Holy Orders, Matrimony**

71. What are the Beatitudes? **A set of 8 teachings/blessings by Jesus that appear in the Gospels of Matthew and Luke. (the Sermon on the Mount)**

72. What is a canonized saint? **A saint that has a day set aside in the liturgical calendar in his/her honor.**

73. What does “real presence” mean? **Jesus is truly present in the Eucharist at consecration when the bread and wine are transformed into body and blood**

74. What are the four marks of the Church? **one, holy, Catholic and apostolic**

Confirmation:

75. What is chrism? **Oil used for anointing at Confirmation that signifies grace and service to God.**

76. What is the “Laying on of Hands?” – **Gesture of holding one’s hands on or over things/people to transmit power, duty or blessing.**

77. Why do we renew Baptismal promises at Confirmation? – **to remind you of your Baptism and allow you to stand up and speak your promises as an adult in the church.**

78. What is the Paschal candle? – **reminder that Christ is the light of the world.**