

7th Grade

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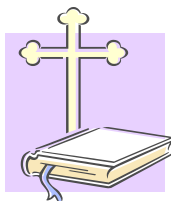
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Attendance: Please be aware that the maximum allowance for absences for the 7th & 8th grade program is 2 per year. If you are absent more than once in a particular course you will be asked to repeat that course. Too many late arrivals and early dismissals will result in an absence.

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Mon.-Thur. or call for an appointment.
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Remember Fall classes begin Saturday, September 9th.



7th Grade Options

Expecting To Meet Jesus ! (held at St. Denis)

Monday October 9, 2017(Columbus Day). Time: 8:30-3:00pm

Fee: \$30.00

Hear the Sermon on the Mount *and* expect to encounter Jesus! We will walk along the beautiful grounds, visit the outside "Stations of the Cross" and spend time discovering Matthew, Mark, Luke & John as we bring the gospels and Jesus' message to life and how we too, are called to living out HIS message.

Wear comfortable clothes & shoes.

Bring your own lunch & drinks. Bring snack for sharing.

Limit 30 students.

This option counts as: Jesus and the Gospels

The Potter

Friday November 3, 2017 time: 4:00-8:00pm (pizza will be served)

AND Sat. November 4, 2017 Time: 1:00-6:00pm (bring your own lunch.

Fee: \$40.00(for both dates).

Students will be attending the 5:00pm Mass on Saturday. Please pick up students from church. Must attend both days.

Experience the beauty of the signs & symbols of our sacraments as you watch Ray Boswell spin and form a lump of clay into a beautiful vessel. We are like clay in God's hands, waiting to be formed.

Pizza will be served on Friday **only**. Bring your own lunch on Saturday and a snack for sharing.

This counts as: Sacraments

Limit 30 students.

Simon Birch

Friday November 17, 2017

Time: 4:00-9:00pm

Fee: \$30.00

Come to a night at the movies. Together we will watch the "Simon Birch" movie. Simon believes that God has a special plan for him. But what??. God has made each of us special and we are His instruments if we allow God to direct our ways. Come, watch, discuss and discover the many ways God leads us.

Pizza will be served. Bring a snack for sharing. Assignment to be completed. Limit 30 students.

This counts as: Personal Growth I

Calendar of Events 2017-20018

7th Grade

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Oct. 7	Saturday	No Classes	Columbus Weekend
Nov. 11	Saturday	7 th Confessions (students) Mandatory	9:45am @ Church
Nov. 21-26	Thanksgiving	No Classes	
Dec. 2	Saturday	No Classes	Silver Tea Craft Fair
Dec. 19-Jan 2	Christmas	No Classes	
Feb. 17-20	Saturday	No Classes	President's Day
Mar. 16	Friday	7 th & 8 th Grade Teaching Mass	6:00-7:30pm @ Church
Mar. 17	Saturday	Parent/Student Retreat (Mandatory)	8:30-2:30pm
March 26-Apr. 3	Easter	No Classes	
May 26-29	Saturday	No Classes	Memorial Day

*****7th Grade Parent/Student Mandatory Retreat*****

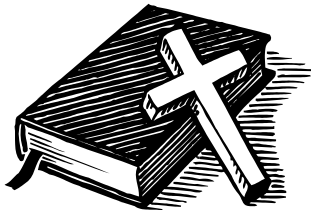
Saturday March 17, 2018 8:30 am-2:30pm.

Parents are welcomed and encouraged to attend 9:00am Mass with their child.

Parents arrive @ 1:00pm.

Pizza will be served for students. Please bring a snack for sharing.

No siblings please.



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Confirmation Retreat IS required (including St. Denis/St. Columba School students). All Confirmation candidates **MUST ATTEND** a retreat. School students may attend a retreat with their class or at St. Denis. If you do not sign up for a retreat you may **not** be able to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Confirmation Information Night: (including St. Denis/St. Columba School students). This informal evening is devoted to help the 8th grade student get started on the required Confirmation Packet due 1st Saturday in February. This is a great opportunity for students to begin to explore and research their saint, start the letter to the Bishop, talk about and have a chance to sign-up for community service, as well as, be measured for their Confirmation robes. The packet will not be completed this night. The students will take the packet home to be completed. You should have already signed up for one information night.

Confirmation Interviews: (including St. Denis/St. Columba School students). all students are required to have an interview with one of the clergy/staff. An assigned day & time will be mailed home to you. Interviews are held in April.

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8th Grade Options & Retreats

2017-2018

Retreats

8th Grade Only

Two retreats are offered.

If you are receiving the sacrament of Confirmation this year, you ***MUST*** sign up for a retreat.

Tony Bellizzi

Saturday January 20 , 2018 Time: 8:30am-2:00pm Fee: \$ 40.00 Place: St. Denis

Spend of few hours with Tony. Through prayer & down to earth relevant presentations you will be challenged about where you are in your relationship with God, the Church and yourself.

Bring a snack for the sharing table. Pizza will be served. Parents are welcomed to join us for the 9:00am Mass. **Do not sign up for this retreat if it interferes with your regularly scheduled class**

attendance for that day.

This counts as: A Confirmation Retreat

Tony Bellizzi

Sunday February 4, 2018 Time: 8:30am-2:00pm Fee: \$ 40.00 Place: St. Denis

Spend of few hours with Tony. Through prayer & down to earth relevant presentations you will be challenged about where you are in your relationship with God, the Church and yourself.

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Retreats

8th Grade Options

The Crop Walk

Friday Oct. 13, 2017 5:00-8:00pm AND Sunday Oct. 15, 2017 Time:10-12:00

Fee: No cost-sponsor sheets for donations for miles and baked goods. Must attend both days.

Join us as we gather as community to stamp out hunger, make others aware of the world's hunger, and put our words in action by baking, sharing and walking. Show up @ St. Denis on Friday evening ready to bake (**please bring a baked item. ie: brownies, cookies**). Show up Sunday @ The Poughkeepsie Jewish Center ready to walk and walk...more information sheets will be given when you sign-up. Adults chaperone needed to help with baking and the walk. Limit 30 students.

This counts as: Personal Growth II

What's Right? What's Wrong? Conscience Check!

Friday Oct. 20, 2017 Time: 4:00-8:00pm

Fee: \$40.00

An interactive and fun experience in which we will explore what morality is and why we should spend some time thinking about our own moral code. We'll learn how Jesus' guidance, given to us through the Gospels and the Church can help us to live happy and fulfilling lives.

Presented by a team from Capuchin Youth & Family Ministries.

This Counts as : Morality

Limit 30 students.

Hello God! Can You Hear Me Now?

Friday April 27, 2018

Time: 4:00-8:00 pm

Fee: \$30.00

Yes, teens can make a difference in the world today. Find out how our prayers ARE heard and very powerful. We can make a difference in the world. Learn the many different forms of prayer. Even singing is a form of prayer. Pizza will be served. Bring a snack for sharing. Limit 30 students.

This counts as: Prayer

Calendar of Events 2017-20018

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Sept.27 & 28	Wed/Thurs	Confirmation Information Night (students only)	6:30pm-8:00pm
Oct. 7	Saturday	No Classes	Columbus Weekend
Oct. 25	Wednesday	<u>Confirmation Parent & student Meeting (A-K)</u>	7:00-9:00 pm
Oct. 26	Thursday	<u>Confirmation Parent & student Meeting (L-Z)</u>	7:00-9:00 pm
Nov. 18	Saturday	8 th Grade Confessions (students)	9:45am @ church
Nov. 21-26	Thanksgiving	No Classes	
Dec. 2	Silver Tea	No Classes	Religious Ed. Fundraiser
Dec. 19-Jan 2	Christmas	No Classes	
Feb.1	1 st Sat.	All Confirmation Packets due	**Only completed packets will be accepted**
Feb. 17-20	Saturday	No Classes	Presidents Day
Mar. 26-Apr. 3	Easter	No Classes	
April 11,12	W/Thur	Confirmation interviews(will be assigned)	6:30pm-8:00pm
May 26-29	Mem.Day	No Classes	
June 6,7	W/ Th	Confirmation practice	4-6pm @ church
June 8	Friday	Confirmation Ceremony	4:00pm
June 9	Saturday	Confirmation Ceremony	10:30am

Parents & Students
must attend!

Confirmation Parent and Student Meeting

Wednesday Oct. 25 (A-K) 7:00pm-9:00pm &

Thursday Oct. 26, (L-Z) 7:00pm-9:00pm

All Confirmation Students including The St. Denis/St. Columba School are required to attend this meeting with their parents.

This meeting is vital and informative.

Special speaker Ray Boswell



**St. Denis/St. Columba
School Students**

St. Denis Religious Education

September 2017

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Confirmation Parent & Student Meeting It is the beginning of an important sacramental year for you and your child. The St. Denis Religious Education Program will be holding a Confirmation Parent AND Student Meeting on October 25 & 26 @ 7:00pm. You may choose either night. Fr. Bob, Mrs. Esposito and Mrs. Pelech, will meet with you regarding all sacramental information. You will receive the dates of the Confirmation Ceremony and practice dates and time.

A Confirmation Retreat IS required (including St. Denis/St. Columba School students). A retreat is required by all students making the Sacrament of Confirmation. The retreat offered at the St. Denis/St. Columba School will fulfill this requirement; however you are welcomed to join us for any option and or retreat offered by the Religious Education office. If interested, please visit our website at www.stdenischurch.org. for a listing and registration form.

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