

**OUR LADY OF VICTORY CHURCH**  
**CONFIRMATION PREPARATION 2025-2026**

**Confirmation Rehearsal: Wednesday, May 27th, 2026 @ 6:30pm**

**Confirmation Mass: Monday, June 1st, 2026 @ 6:00pm**

**Main Components**

- **Catechesis (Classes):** You can fulfill this component through regular attendance at Sunday morning CCD classes, homeschool CCD lessons, or SJCA religious education classes. CCD students and homeschool CCD students will complete lessons on Confirmation as well as Pope St. John Paul II's Theology of the Body. Our Theology of the Body catechists will share an overview of that program for parents at the Information Session on 9/7/25.
- **Discipleship Events:** Opportunities to encounter and grow closer to God.

**You must attend (2) events.** Make sure you sign in at the events you attend!

**OLV will offer two events:**

September 7, 2025 (6pm): Vocations Talk

September 13th, 2025 (10-12pm): Adoration & Confessions\* w/ Bishop Mark

\*If you do not participate in this event, you need to find a time to go to Confession before Confirmation.

**Good Shepherd Church** in State College will also host 4 events. Please let Susan Ishmael know if you would like to attend any of these so she can coordinate with Good Shepherd.

October 25, 2025 (12-2pm): "Awaken, Renew and Strengthen: your path to Confirmation"

January 24, 2026 (12-2pm): "Pray it Forward"

February 22, 2026 (12-2pm): "Lent: a time of hope & promise"

March 22, 2026 (12-2pm): "Gifts of the Holy Spirit in YOUR life"

**SHYCON (Diocesan Youth Conference)** is also an option on October 19th, 2025.

However, we need to arrange chaperones (with clearances) and transportation. You will need to reach out to the OLV DRE now in September if you would like to attend SHYCON and she will share registration information.

- **Retreat:** Pick one set of online retreat sessions and attend with your sponsor and/or parent. The sessions occur at 8:00pm each date listed and last about 30-45 min. **You must fill out a registration form with your selected session by Sunday, September 14th, 2025.**

**Fall Retreat Sessions:** Sun 9/28, Wed 10/1, Sun 10/5, Wed, 10/8, Sun 10/12

**Winter Retreat Options:** Sun 2/1, Wed 2/4, Sun 2/8, Wed 2/11, Sun 2/15

Sun 3/8, Wed 3/11, Sun 3/15, Wed 3/18, Sun 3/22

*Please note, we don't have CCD classes on Sunday mornings for the Fall retreat sessions. However, there will be regularly scheduled CCD classes during the Winter retreat sessions.*

- **Letter of Intent or Interview with the Pastor:** Students will write a letter of Intent to Receive Confirmation addressed to Fr. George or request an in-person interview with him. **This is due Monday, December 1st, 2021.** You must contact Fr. George directly ([gjakopac@dioceseaj.org](mailto:gjakopac@dioceseaj.org)) if you want to schedule an in-person interview.
- **Baptismal Information:** You need to submit a copy of the student's Baptismal Certificate so that we can report the reception of Confirmation to that parish. CCD students had the option to upload this during CCD Registration. You may request a copy be sent to OLV, Attention Susan Ishmael, from the parish of baptism if you do not have the certificate available. **This information is due by Monday, December 1st, 2025.**
- **Sponsor selection:** A sponsor cannot be a parent but should be someone who is a strong Catholic example to the student. Each student needs to fill out the **Sponsor Information Cover Form**. If your sponsor is not an OLV parishioner, then the sponsor needs to have their pastor complete and seal the **Sponsor Certificate Form**. **These forms are due by Monday, December 1st.**
- **Service:** Each student must complete **(10) hours of service**. Service hours can be completed in a variety of ways: altar servers, church choir, helping at the OLV Bazaar or Pierogi sales, Living Stations, Vacation Bible school or other types of camps, creating a small project along the lines of an Eagle Scout project, significantly helping family members. Service completed during the summer before 9th grade is acceptable if you did camps, etc. Parents will need to document the student's service hours on the **Service Hours Report form**. **Service forms are due by the end of CCD, Sunday, May 17th, 2026.**
- **Confirmation Name:** The student must select a Confirmation name, which is usually the name of a saint or significant person that the student admires for their Christian witness or particular virtues. **This selection is due Sunday, May 17th, 2026.**

