

# Sacramental Preparation Retreat Calendar

## Year TWO

### 2017-18

**ALL YEAR 2 RETREATS ARE AT ST. MAXIMILIAN KOLBE PARISH. Except where indicated, parents and the children preparing for full initiation must attend each session date. There will be no make-up sessions.**

#### **Forgiveness and The Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Parents and children will explore what it means to forgive another person. We will learn how God forgives us, what Christ teaches about how we are to forgive others, and the joy, peace, and love that are felt when we forgive. We will explore God's forgiveness of our sins through the sacrament of reconciliation. We will talk about how to make an examination of conscience and practice how to receive the sacrament of reconciliation.

**Sunday, November 12th @ 2:00 - 4:00pm**

#### **Reconciliation Service:**

Children receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time with a brief Liturgy of the Word preceding.

**Sunday, December 3th @ 2:00 - 4:00pm - at St. Maximilian Kolbe**  
*Snow Date: Sunday, December 10th 2:00 - 4:00pm*

#### **The Sacrament of Confirmation**

In this session we learn more about the Holy Spirit, the third Person of the Holy Trinity and His important work in us and in our Church. We will also learn about the Gifts of the Holy Spirit and how we can see the effects of His life in us.

Parents and children will learn how Confirmation makes us stronger Christians through the gift of the Holy Spirit. We will talk about living Christian lives of service and Catholic social teaching. Children will learn how the Holy Spirit calls us to serve and love others as they plan and complete a Community Service project chosen by them and their gifts.

**Sunday, January 14th @ 2:00 - 4:00pm**

*Snow Date: Sunday, February 11th @ 2:00 - 4:00pm*

**“CONFIRMATION ONLY” STUDENTS PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND**

#### **Rite of Calling to Discipleship:**

**Sunday, March 18th 9:30am Mass @ Holy Cross**

**Sunday, March 18th 10:30am Mass @ St. Maximilian Kolbe**

**Sunday, March 18th 11:00am Mass @ St. Bartholomew**

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### **Jesus, the Bread of Life & The Sacrament of The Eucharist**

Parents and children will learn about the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist and how God himself wants to nourish us and feed us spiritually. We will hear how God wants to dwell in us.

**Sunday, April 8th @ 2:00 - 4:00pm**

***\*\*Please Return your completed community service project Poster to this retreat\*\****  
*Confirmation Only Students can return their project posters during Faith Formation Classes or at the May Retreat*

### **Order of the Mass**

Parents and children learn the Order of the Mass and how to more fully engage in the liturgy.

**Sunday, May 6<sup>th</sup> @ 2:00 - 4:00pm**

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***And plan to Return your completed community service project Poster to this retreat\*\****

**Family Consultations:** Parents and children have an interview with a member of the pastoral staff to assess readiness to be fully initiated into the church community.

**May/June by appointment**

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**Banner Kit Potluck:** Children will receive and complete their banner kit at a potluck gathering to be held in the Big Hall at St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish.

**Sunday, September 23rd @ 5:00pm - 7:00pm**

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**Rehearsal:** Sponsors (if able) and the children preparing for Confirmation and First communion attend a rehearsal in order to practice for the ceremony. All Rehearsals are at St. Maximilian Kolbe in Scarborough.

#### **St. Maximilian Kolbe Rehearsal**

- Rehearsal: Friday, October 19 4:30pm

#### **St. John/Holy Cross AND St. Bartholomew Rehearsal**

- Rehearsal: Friday, October 19 6:30pm

**Confirmation and First Communion Ceremony:** All Ceremonies will be held at St. Maximilian Kolbe Church, Scarborough, Maine

#### **St. Maximilian Kolbe Ceremony:**

- Ceremony: Saturday, October 20 9:30am (arrive at 8:30am)

#### **St. John/Holy Cross AND St. Bartholomew Ceremony:**

- Ceremony: Saturday, October 20 1:00 pm (arrive at 12noon)