

Dear 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Students,

**Welcome back!** I hope your summer was relaxing and you are ready to do some soul searching! Welcome to the St. Denis Confirmation Preparation Program. Whether you are in the 7<sup>th</sup> grade, or in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade, this program is designed to help you prepare for your journey toward the sacrament of Confirmation and further your commitment to Jesus our Savior. Your Confirmation is neither an end, nor a graduation from your faith, but rather, it is a continuation of your adult faith journey that forever will be in your heart and mind.

In this packet you will find many different option classes that are available to you. Keep in mind that these are optional classes and are not mandatory. The options are meant to give a more hands on approach to your spiritual journey.

**Please keep in mind that only 2 option classes will be permitted per year as you prepare for the sacrament of Confirmation.** However, you may attend as many option classes as you wish but only 2 classes will be applied toward your requirements per year.

Please read over forms carefully. Fill out all information requested and write a check made out to St. Denis Religious Education for the total amount. You may drop off or mail the registration form and check to the St. Denis Religious Education office.

**All** tuition fees must be paid in full before registering for options.

Please keep a copy of and keep track of all your classes/option courses and retreats.

Our Confirmation option program cannot continue without the help of our wonderful volunteer parents who **chaperone**. The safety and well being of our students is dependent on adult supervision. A big thank you to those parents who have volunteered in the past, and we welcome any new parents who would like to volunteer.

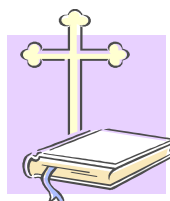
Due to the popularity of this program, registration is on a **first come, first serve basis**, so drop off or mail your registration forms and all fees ASAP. The office will accept registrations beginning **Sept. 6th@ 12:00pm**.

**Confession:** for all 7<sup>th</sup> -Please take note of dates & time on back page.

**Attendance:** Please be aware that the maximum allowance for absences for the 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> 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.

**REGISTRATION for Options BEGINS Tuesday SEPTEMBER 6<sup>TH</sup> @ 12:00PM.**  
**Registration not accepted over the phone**

**Remember Fall classes begin Saturday, September 10<sup>th</sup>.**



## 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Options

### **Expecting To Meet Jesus !** (held at Mt. Alvernia in Wappingers)

Monday October 10, 2011 ( Columbus Day). Time: 9:00-3:00pm

Fee: \$\$\$30.00

Hear the Sermon on the Mount at the Mount. Mount Alvernia that is. Located near the South Hills Mall near route 9. Expect to encounter Jesus! We will walk along the beautiful grounds, visit the outside "Stations of the Cross", visit the Poor Clare's Convent, meet with the Franciscan Friars. 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. Website: [www.mtalvernia.org](http://www.mtalvernia.org) for directions.

Bring your own lunch & drinks. Bring snack for sharing. Parents drop off @ the Chapel.

**This option counts as: Jesus and the Gospels**

### **The Potter**

Friday Oct. 28, 2011 time: 4:00-8:00pm (pizza will be served) **AND** Sat.Oct 29, 2011 Time: 1:00-6:00pm  
(bring your own lunch. Students will be attending the 5:00pm Mass. Please pick up students from church.

Must attend both days.

Fee: \$40.00

Experience the beauty of the sign's & 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.

Book assignment to be completed before class. Pizza will be served on Friday only. Bring your own lunch on Saturday and a snack for sharing.

**This counts as: Sacraments**

### **Gift of Grace**

Saturday Nov. 12, 2011 Time: 1:00-6:00pm (pick up students from church)

Fee: \$30.00

Join

Grace Abruzzi here @ St. Denis as she presents, interacts and challenges you to discover how you can use the gift of conscience to learn skills which help develop moral decision making, see how the gift of your sexuality can be misused or used to develop into the person God has called you to be.

**Lunch will NOT be provided.** Please bring your **own lunch** and a snack for the sharing table.

**This counts as Human Sexuality**

### **Simon Birch**

Friday February 10, 2012 (snow date Feb. 24)

Time: 5:00-10:00pm

Fee: \$30.00

Come to a night at the movies. Together we will watch "Simon Birch". 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.

**This counts as: Personal Growth I**

### **CYFM (Capuchin Youth & Family Ministry) in Garrison, N.Y.**

#### **Jesus & the Gospel Message**

**Overnight** Oct. 28-29, 2011 **or** Oct 29-30, 2011

Fee: \$75.00

Grab your sleeping bag and be prepared to become inspired and a true disciple of Christ. Pick up registration form at St. Denis Religious Education Office. Registration and payment is made directly to CYFM.

**This counts as: Jesus & The Gospels**

# Calendar of Events 2011-20012

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\*Parents have reported that they have missed important meetings or dates because they were not given this information. Enclosed is a calendar of events for your convenience.

Sept. 10	Saturday	Fall Classes begin	10:45 am-12:45 pm
Oct. 8	Saturday	No Classes	
Oct. 22	Saturday	Teaching Mass for all 7 <sup>th</sup> graders	12:15pm @ Church
Nov. 22-27	Thanksgiving	No Classes	
Dec. 3	Saturday	No Classes	
Dec. 17	Saturday	<b>7<sup>th</sup></b> Confessions (students)	9:45am @ Church
Dec. 20-Jan 2	Christmas	No Classes	
Feb. 18	Saturday	No Classes	
Apr. 1-9	Easter	No Classes	
May 26-28	Saturday	No Classes	

