

The Catholic Parishes of New Kensington

Mount Saint Peter

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Saint Mary of Czestochowa

857 Kenneth Avenue

NEW KENSINGTON, PA 15068

Saint Joseph

1125 Leishman Avenue

July 18, 2019

Dear Middle School Parents,

I hope you're enjoying your summer! I am really excited about the plans we have for the upcoming year.

One of the most significant changes that we are making involves the preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation. As you know Confirmation is received in the spring of the 8th grade year. **The preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation will now be a three-year educational process beginning in the 6th grade and culminating in the Celebration of Confirmation in the 8th grade. The preparation will occur via the scheduled Sunday Youth Ministry meetings indicated in red** (please see the calendar on the reverse side of this letter for your reference).

Youth Ministry will continue to meet on **every second Sunday and fourth Sunday of the month**, with a few exceptions due to retreats, mission trips, holidays, and intergenerational/all-parish events. Please see the calendar on the reverse side of this letter for your reference. On the second Sunday of the month we will introduce the lesson/catechesis from our text. The fourth Sunday of the month will put that lesson into action.

To further explain and discuss these changes, we will be hosting two meetings in Marble Hall at Mount Saint Peter for parents of youth in grades 6-8:

Tuesday, August 13 at 7:00 PM OR Sunday, August 18 at 12:30, immediately following 11:30 AM Mass at St. Mary.

I look forward to sharing this faith journey with you and your student.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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