

St Patrick – St Hyacinth – St Rocco

Glen Cove Catholic Religious Education 2026-2027

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Dear Parents,

Before I talk about the program for the upcoming year, it must always be said that the primary responsibility to raise children in the Catholic Faith rests firmly upon the shoulders of parents. This cannot be outsourced, and the Church can only provide support to parents in this endeavor. Without the good example of parents and their involvement in the lives of their children, found primarily in taking their children to Mass every week, whatever the Church can provide will likely be of little use. That having been said, the parish Religious Education Program for the 2026-2027 year will be as follows:

Glen Cove Catholic

The Churches of St Patrick, St Rocco and St Hyacinth are now one united parish, and we have one Religious Education Program. Since the program is unified, some sessions may take place at one of our various churches/campuses. Depending on enrollment, the reception of sacraments will typically be offered at St Patrick and St Rocco, and families will be able to choose from either option.

Supremacy of Mass Attendance

While there are no Mass attendance requirements for the First Communion and Confirmation candidates, it cannot be stressed too much how critical Mass attendance is for every Catholic. Missing Mass without a legitimate reason (illness, work, travel) is a grave sin. The 3rd Commandment has been given to use not because God needs our worship, but because we need to humbly worship God on His terms (not our own). To be blunt, to present your children to receive these sacraments without the corresponding habit of Mass attendance makes a mockery out of and “merit-badges” the sacraments, which are supposed to be moments during which our relationship with God deepens. This relationship cannot be strengthened when one refuses God’s will for us to worship Him weekly in the Mass.

Registration Times and Fees

Religious Education fees, which help pay for the program and help support the Church, will remain the same as last year and are listed below. Online registrations will open in June with links to the registration portal posted at... <https://www.glencovecatholic.org/religious-education>.

One Student:	\$150
Additional Students:	\$25/each
First Communion:	+ \$100
Confirmation:	+ \$100
Catchup Online Courses:	\$25/each course

REMINDER: Change in Confirmation Age/Grade

As of last year, we have moved Confirmation to 7th grade. For 8th grade students who still need to receive Confirmation, please register for Confirmation with the 7th graders. Confirmations will take place in early autumn, 2027.

Fr Gabriel Rach

Pastor, St Patrick Parish – St Rocco – St Hyacinth

Confirmation Requirements

Parents, you are responsible for ensuring your child(ren) complete the requirements listed below by the corresponding deadlines. All requirements and deadlines are final. Your child will be ***admitted*** to the scheduled Confirmation only when you complete the below requirements...

Requirements	Deadline	Complete?
☐ Register with St Patrick/Hyacinth/Rocco https://www.glencovecatholic.org/religious-education Shortly after the registration deadline, the online course logins are sent and students may begin the course.	September 14, 2026	
☐ Complete Confirmation Prep Course	September 1, 2027	
☐ Successfully Pass a Written Exam Candidates for Confirmation must pass a written exam. The material for this exam is included in this packet. There will be several exam sessions offered throughout the year. It's encouraged to take the exam as early as possible in case it must be retaken.	September 1, 2027	
☐ Rehearsal Parents are required to be physically present for the rehearsal the entire time.	TBD	

☐ Confirmation / Confession Preparation

Three two-hour mini-retreats will be held on **Saturday mornings (10am-12pm)** throughout the year. It is important for your child to attend these sessions. At least one parent must be present at the retreat.

	Theme	Date	Location
Session 1	Confirmation: The Gift of the Spirit & Intentional Discipleship	Saturday, November 7, 2026	St Rocco
Session 2	Why the Mass is Important and the Moral Life - Confessions for Parents (to give the children a good example)	Saturday, April 10, 2027	St Patrick
Session 3	Examination of Conscience – Confessions for the Candidates	Saturday, September 18, 2027	St Rocco

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Parent Testimony

I, the parent of _____, have read and accept my responsibilities, and acknowledge that I must ensure the requirements are completed to have my child receive Confirmation.

Signature: _____

Print Name: _____

Date: _____

Confirmation Test Study Guide

Students need to answer all questions (100%) to pass.

***The “Our Father”:**

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
Amen.

The “Hail Mary”:

Hail, Mary, full of grace,
the Lord is with thee.
Blessed art thou among women
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God,
pray for us sinners,
now and at the hour of our death.
Amen.

Catholics believe that God is a Trinity of three persons, all equally God. They are the:

Father
Son
Holy Spirit

The Three Sacraments of Christian Initiation:

Baptism

Communion

Confirmation

The 4 Gospels in the Bible contain the story of Jesus during His time on Earth, they are:

Matthew

Mark

Luke

John

The Eucharist (or Holy Communion) is not a symbol of bread and wine but really changed by the priest into the actual Body and Blood of Jesus Christ.

The current Pope, the successor to St Peter, is Pope Leo XIV.

The formula for the sacrament of Confirmation is:

***Name*, Be sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit.**

The Catholic Church teaches that attending Mass every weekend is a serious obligation and that missing a Mass without a very serious reason is sinful, requiring one to go to Confession for forgiveness.

Bishop John Barres is the Bishop of Rockville Centre, the diocese in which we live.