

ST LAWRENCE • SS PETER & PAUL

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LESSON THIRTEENTH: ON CONFIRMATION

Many who were born in the 1960s or before will remember the Baltimore Catechism, one of the most comprehensive teachings of the Catholic Church.

In order to "refresh" ourselves, we will reprint a section over the next months.

166. Q. What is Confirmation?

A. Confirmation is a Sacrament through which we receive the Holy Ghost to make us strong and perfect Christians and soldiers of Jesus Christ.

167. Q. Who administers Confirmation? **A.** The bishop is the ordinary minister of Confirmation.

168. Q. How does the bishop give Confirmation?

A. The bishop extends his hands over those who are to be confirmed, prays that they may receive the Holy Ghost, and anoints the forehead of each with holy chrism in the form of a cross.

169. Q. What is holy chrism? **A.** Holy chrism is a mixture of olive-oil and balm, consecrated by the bishop.

170. Q. What does the bishop say in anointing the person he confirms? **A.** In anointing the person he confirms the bishop says: I sign thee with the sign of the cross, and I confirm thee with the chrism of salvation, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

171. Q. What is meant by anointing the forehead with chrism in the form of a cross? **A.** By anointing the forehead with chrism in the form of a cross is

meant, that the Christian who is confirmed must openly profess and practice his faith, never be ashamed of it, and rather die than deny it.

172. Q. Why does the bishop give the person he confirms a slight blow on the cheek? **A.** The bishop gives the person he confirms a slight blow on the cheek, to put him in mind that he must be ready to suffer everything, even death, for the sake of Christ.

173. Q. To receive Confirmation worthily is it necessary to be in the state of grace? **A.** To receive Confirmation worthily it is necessary to be in the state of grace.

174. Q. What special preparation should be made to receive Confirmation? **A.** Persons of an age to learn should know the chief mysteries of faith and the duties of a Christian, and be instructed in the nature and effects of this Sacrament.

175. Q. Is it a sin to neglect Confirmation? **A.** It is a sin to neglect Confirmation, especially in these evil days when faith and morals are exposed to so many and such violent temptations.



Ss Peter & Paul intentions

This Week's Mass Intentions

Monday, August 14

12:10 pm Church Closed

Tuesday, August 15

Assumption of Mary Holy Day of Obligation

7 am • 12:10 pm • 7 pm

Wednesday, August 16

12:10 pm † Antonia Morin
7:00 pm † Members of Fr Fuino's Family
† Anne McDonald
† Vincent Stroessner
† Mary Smith
† Rev Stephen M. Kilcarr

Thursday, August 17

12:10 pm † Fr Michael Fuino

Saturday, August 19

5:00 pm † John Deitsch

Sunday, August 20

8:30 am † Domenico Scivanich
10:30 am † Bernadine DeSouza

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My teenage daughter might be using Snapchat for sexting

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Q: I suspect my 16-year-old daughter might be using Snapchat for sexting—but since the app deletes photos right away, I don't have hard evidence, and I'm not sure how to confront her about it.

A: A Sexting is a relatively recent phenomenon that has become widely known among teens and young adults. How can you best protect your daughter and have a difficult conversation?

Reframing your concerns. Your language reminded me of a district attorney preparing a case! Your daughter is under suspicion, but you and she actually are on the same side. As a parent, it is your role to monitor her activities and guide her in the safe use of society's tools. Her role is to heed that guidance, and to learn to make wise decisions.

Setting expectations that build trust. The best time to establish boundaries is when children first start using phones outside your supervision. Let them know that you plan to monitor their apps. When aspects of privacy and autonomy are discussed early, then trust is built, rather than violated. Set the consequences for violations—the deletion of apps, monitoring of media use or even removal of the phone.

Rehearsing your discussion. Your daughter may think that her photos disappear, but they aren't as ephemeral as she thinks. Snapchat will let her know if someone has taken a screen shot, but a photo can always be taken from a different phone. Provocative sexting, even without photos, is disrespectful of her body and is dangerous. The "teens" that she is interacting with may actually be sexual predators.

Think ahead about your conversation. Ask how she uses Snapchat. Although many teens just use it for fun, there are many others who use it for flirtatious and sexual reasons. Make sure she understands the dangers.

Sexting seems normative to many in our culture, but it is not. It is personally destructive behavior with long-ranging consequences. It is also sinful—that is, it damages our relationship with God, who has created us in his image. The wisdom of the world is not God's wisdom: "Has not God made the wisdom of the world foolish?" (1 Cor 1:20)

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER August 19-20, 2017 "For my house will be called a house of prayer for all peoples." Is your house a house of prayer? Let God be a part of your marriage by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. **For more information contact Janet and Mike Turco 973 427-7016 or 609 335 - 6880 (njwvwmw@peoplepc.com) or go to nnjwvwmw.org.**

SPIRITUALITY OF KNITTING RETREAT September 12-15 (3 nights mid week) at the Marianist Family Retreat Center in Cape May Point. Come explore how the work of your hands is also the work of our Creator's hands! through shared prayer services, presentations, daily Mass and plenty of time to craft in community, we will explore the Spirituality of Knotting. All who knit, crochet, or needle-craft with some experience are welcome! **Cost: \$150 per person (includes program, lodging, and meals) Sign up online at www.capemaymarianists.org or call 609.884.3829 for more information.**

LORD TEACH ME TO PRAY Deepen Your Prayer Life, Help Others to Do The same! On September 9, 2017, the St. Frances Cabrini Shrine in New York City will host a Facilitator *Training-Retreat* for the "Lord Teach Me to Pray" (LTMTMP) prayer services. It will be conducted in a retreat setting and discernment atmosphere. Come and discern if God is calling you to become a facilitator! Or, if you are simply interested in finding out more about Ignation Prayer and the "Lord Teach me To Pray" prayer series, you are also invited! **For info and registration contact Mrs Carol Weiler at 504.439.5933 or carolweiler@cox.net. Or to download a registration form, go to www.lordteachmetoprayer.com**

St Lawrence intentions

This Week's Mass Intentions

Tuesday, August 15 Holy Day of Obligation

9:30 am Assumption for Mary

Wednesday, August 16

9:30 am † Rev Robert Araujo

Thursday, August 17

9:30 am † Catherine Ručovansky

Sunday, August 20

8:00 am Pauline Ray

10:30 am † Anne Grose

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