

 *St. Ignatius, Hickory*
CONFIRMATION

*Holy Spirit,
You are welcome here
Come flood this place
and fill the atmosphere
Your glory, God, is what
our hearts long for
To be overcome by
Your presence, Lord*

- "Holy Spirit" by Francesca Battistelli

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Family Information Booklet



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Confirmation 2019 Paperwork Checklist:



NOTES:

Due October 10, 2018

- Contract of Investiture
- Sponsor Eligibility Form

Please note: if your Sponsor is not a parishioner here at St. Ignatius, you will need to get this form to them for their home parish to fill out.

- Application for Volunteer Services
- Reference Form 1 (parent/guardian)
- Reference Form 2 (Extended Family member/adult family friend)
- Reference Form 3 (Extended Family member, adult family friend, teacher/coach/boss/leader)

Due February 6, 2019

- Saint Project and Saint Name (more information to come)

Due March 13, 2019

- Letter to the Bishop (more information to come)

Due April 10, 2019

- Service Sheet

Please be sure to carefully look at and fill out this paperwork COMPLETELY. Check the back of paperwork to be sure you've filled out both sides if necessary. Sign anything requiring a signature.

NOTES:

CONFIRMATION...

Confirmation is a sacrament in which those who have been baptized receive the fullness of the Holy Spirit, whom the Lord sent upon His apostles at Pentecost (see Acts 2:1-11). It is a sacrament that celebrates the presence of God's special strengths and gifts in those who have been baptized.

In 1972, the Church published The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). The RCIA stresses the connection between the three sacraments of Christian initiation: Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist.

In Baptism, a person becomes a Christian and receives grace and life from the Holy Spirit. In Confirmation, the baptismal vows are renewed and the sealing of the Spirit serves as a preparation for a mature Christian life.

In Eucharist, the great sign of Christian Unity, the faithful are nourished and strengthened, transforming them into a more loving and united community of believers. Through these sacramental rites the faithful are officially acknowledged as Christians. They are commissioned to carry out the mission of Christ and His Church.

Confirmation is a parish community celebration. It provides an opportunity for members of the parish family to renew their baptismal commitment. Confirmation in the parish is a time when the community celebrates the gifts of the Holy Spirit among them....an Initiation, a completion of baptism, a renewal, and a new beginning.

Candidates Preparing for Confirmation...

- must freely choose to be confirmed and make this desire known
- must be in a state of grace
- must have adequate knowledge of the Catholic faith and have participated in required learning sessions
- must be practicing their faith
- must be attending Mass and receiving sacraments of Eucharist and Reconciliation regularly
- are responsible for completing all required home study and service projects
- must be aware of the initiation aspect of the sacrament of Confirmation and be committed to continuing the faithful practice and study of their religion
- must be willing to participate in the Confirmation program of prayer, retreat, liturgy, workshop, events and study



RETREAT:

Saturday, February 9th —10AM to 6:30PM in the Parish Center
(Snowdate—Saturday February 16th)

OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES

Lenten Mission with Harford Region (Spring 2019)

Encounter the Gospel of Life Workcamp (July 2019)

CONFIRMATION REHEARSAL:

Rehearsal will be held exactly one week prior to your assigned Confirmation Mass date

CONFIRMATION MASS:

We have not yet received the final date for our Confirmation Mass(es) from the Bishop's office, but it is always sometime in mid-May; we'll let you know ASAP!

Reminder:

All paperwork is due by the deadlines listed.

Not turning in paperwork by the deadline may result in ineligibility for reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation.

WISDOM, UNDERSTANDING,
RIGHT JUDGEMENT, COURAGE, KNOWLEDGE
REVERENCE, WONDER & AWE

Dates you should know:

(more on back cover)

Regular 9TH Grade Faith Formation (LifeTeen) begins:

Wednesday, October 17th — 7:30PM

Worthy of the Call STAND Training for Teens:

Wednesday, October 10th — 7:30PM to 9:00PM

if you participated in VBS this past Summer or did this in 8th Grade, you **do not have to attend.*

RITE OF ENROLLMENT MASS

Saturday, January 5th — 5:30PM Mass in the Parish Church

Confirmation Immediate Prep Dates (for all):

The following are ALL Wednesdays:

January 2nd	February 27th
January 9th	March 13th
January 16th	March 20th
January 23rd	March 27th
January 30th	April 3rd
February 6th	April 10th
February 13th	
February 20th	

WORKSHOP DATE:

Saturday, March 30th — 10:00AM to 12:00PM (Sponsor Breakfast)

The Responsibilities of the Parents

- are the primary educators of their children
- are responsible for initiating their children into sacramental life
- serve as models for their young person by being committed Christians
- worship with their families regularly
- nurture their young person in faith and encourage their young person to reflect and carefully consider the decision to receive the sacrament of Confirmation
- attend meetings and programs to help prepare their young person for the sacrament
- assist their young person in preparation through prayer, study, workshop, events, and service
- help their young person understand that service is the beginning of a life committed to Christian service, not the end!!

The Responsibilities of the Sponsor

- Must be a Confirmed and actively practicing Catholic able to prove so by means of our Sponsor Eligibility Form
- Must be at least 16 years of age
- May not, by reason of Archdiocesan policy, be the parent of a Confirmandi; however, the godparent / baptismal sponsor is welcomed and encouraged to fill this role.
- If he/she cannot be present for the actual Rite of Confirmation, a substitute or stand-in can do so, though the sponsor's name will be on the certificate and not the stand-in

Rite of Enrollment Mass

The Rite of Enrollment is a ceremony in which the candidates who choose to enter into the immediate preparation for the sacrament of Confirmation make their commitment official. Prior to the Rite of Enrollment, candidates are asked to seriously and prayerfully think about what will be required of them during this time of preparation. The Rite of Enrollment Mass will be:

Saturday, January 5th

5:30PM Mass

Confirmation Name

Due: February 6th

The Candidate must choose a Saint's name for Confirmation this year. Names of Saints are chosen to serve as patrons and role models. A Baptismal name may be used only if it is a Saint's name recognized by the Roman Catholic Church. The Holy Father, Pope Benedict XVI said this about each Confirmation student choosing a Saint's name: "Each one should have a Saint that is familiar to him, to whom he feels close with prayer and intercession, but also to imitate him or her. Hence, I would like to invite you to know the Saints better, beginning with the one whose name you bear, by reading his life, his writings. You can be certain that they will become good guides to love the Lord ever more and valid aids for your human and Christian growth." CASTEL GANDOLFO, Italy, AUG. 25, 2010 (Zenit.org).



SIGNUP GENIUS

SIGN UP ONLINE—Instructions

Go to:

www.stignatiushickory.org/confirmationservice

A complete list of service projects is available. Simply click on one you're interested in, read the relevant details, and sign up.

Please keep track of your service hours in your Service Journal, which can be found online or in the Youth Ministry office. For questions or concerns about service hours, please call David Sanborn at 410-879-0959 or 410-838-0780.

ALL SERVICE JOURNALS ARE DUE BY:

April 10th

Final Confirmation Session

PARENTS: We Need You!

Want to share in your child's service experiences? We need you to help us chaperone and run these projects! What a great way to get involved and have a shared experience.

We are asking that **one parent from every family** become Virtus trained and volunteer to help with our service projects. You will find that each service project has room for parents to sign up.

To be VIRTUS trained if you are not already, please go to:

[HTTP://WWW.VIRTUS.ORG/](http://www.virtus.org/)

SERVICE

Christian Commitment to Service

Jesus came “not to be served, but to serve” (Matthew 20:28). The Church is a servant community, and all those accepting full membership in the church are also accepting the responsibility to serve those around them.

Candidates for the reception of Confirmation are asked to select service projects to participate in, which are tailored to their own special talents and abilities. Candidates are asked to perform a minimum of 25 hours of Christian service to others as part of their preparation for Confirmation. The service should be performed freely and willingly; these service hours are meant to represent the candidate’s intentions of becoming full members of the servant community, the Church, and special followers of Christ: Christians. It should help the parish, family or community:

At no time are we finished our service hours! It is ongoing for the rest of our lives.

EACH TEEN IS REQUIRED TO FILL OUT AN ARCHDIOCESAN VOLUNTEER APPLICATION AND RETURN 3 REFERENCES. In addition, they must attend a “Worthy of the Call” training session which will be held on:

WEDNESDAY, October 10th from 7:30PM to 9:00PM
(as part of regular 9th Grade Faith Formation Classes)
Students in Catholic School (and thus not participating in regular 9th Grade classes) must attend as well

If COMPLETED HERE AT ST. IGNATIUS IN 8TH GRADE OR FOR VBS, YOU DO NOT NEED TO ATTEND. IF YOU DID THIS IN YOUR SCHOOL OR AT ANOTHER LOCATION, WE NEED AN OFFICIAL VERIFICATION FORM. SOMEONE FROM St. Ignatius will contact you.

**BE CHRIST...to those you serve
SEE CHRIST...in those you serve**

Confirmation and Events

Rite of Enrollment Mass – Saturday, January 5th

...at the **5:30 Mass**. At this Mass you will be accepted formally into the Confirmation program. Attendance is very important! Please come with your parents. Sponsors are most welcome.

Retreat: February 9th (Snowdate February 16)

More information on the next page

Workshop: Saturday, March 30th — 10:00AM to 12:00PM

Sponsor and Confirmation Student Breakfast in the Parish Center. Attendance is mandatory. If your sponsor can not make this meeting, one parent should take his/her place. RSVP if you are not coming 1 week prior

Letter to Bishop DUE March 13th

More information will follow after Bishop composes a letter to you in the Winter.

Optional and Encouraged Events:

Regional Lenten Mission for Teens (Spring—TBD)

EGL Workcamp (July)

Sunday Night Youth Group (monthly)

Retreat

One of the most important events during your Confirmation preparation will be the retreat. All students must attend in order to fulfill the requirements for the reception of the sacrament.

Each candidate will attend ONE retreat.

Retreat will be on a Saturday in the Parish Center starting at 10AM. The day will conclude with 5:30PM Mass, where sponsors and families are asked to join us in the celebration in the Parish Church.

The dates are as follows:

**February 9, 2018
(Snowdate Feb. 16)**

What is Retreat?

Retreat is a time to back away from life's craziness and get in touch with Jesus. Any inappropriate behavior or violation of retreat rules will result in an immediate dismissal of the young person from retreat. Parents will be responsible for picking up their child. If dismissal is necessary, Confirmation will be considered next year.

We ask both parents/guardians and sponsors to compose a letter of encouragement to their youth attending retreat.

More info to follow!

CONFIRMATION MASS

We will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation on:

Two Dates in May, To Be Determined

(Your Mass and Rehearsal will be assigned in coming months as soon as possible; deadline for changes is APRIL 20)

- 6PM** **Arrival with parent & sponsor to Parish Center
Parent picks up Confirmation Certificate
Confirmandi & Sponsor wait in Parish Center**
- 6:30PM** **Meet & Greet for Confirmandi with Bishop**
- 6:45PM** **Lineup for Procession into Church**
- 7PM** **Confirmation Mass begins in the Parish Church**

DRESS CODE FOR CONFIRMATION MASS:

Men: No flip-flops or tennis shoes; wear dress shoes. Dress pants or khakis. Shirt and tie. Your gown is red; do not iron it.

Ladies: No flip-flops; wear sandals, flats, or heels. Dress, skirt/blouse, or dress pants/blouse. Your gown is red. Do not iron it.

REHEARSAL SCHEDULE

Rehearsal Dates have yet to be determined; Rehearsal is held exactly one week before your assigned Confirmation Mass. When you receive your Mass assignment, you will also receive your Rehearsal assignment.

