

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST PARISH
FAMILY FAITH FORMATION
CONFIRMATION II

Our parish will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation for young people in grade 9 or higher in the spring of 2024. The date will be determined by Most Reverend Edgar M. da Cunha. Confirmation is the final Sacrament of Initiation, completing the process begun at your Baptism, making you a full member of the church. In Confirmation you are strengthened by the gifts of the Holy Spirit, which help you to live as a mature Christian.

A Program for Confirmation

Confirmation II is our St. John the Evangelist parish program to prepare students for reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation. The candidate must also choose a Confirmation sponsor who is willing to share in this faith journey and be present during the Confirmation celebration. Please see the separate sheet “role of a sponsor.”

Sunday Mass

Candidates are expected to attend Sunday Mass each week. The 5:30 p.m. Mass is especially geared for young people to participate.

Confirmation Name

Candidates for Confirmation choose a saint's name and are encouraged to use their baptismal name once again showing that Confirmation is an affirming and strengthening of the commitment of Baptism. Another saint's name may be chosen from the list provided. Oftentimes, candidates choose a saint whose life story connects with the candidate; a saint whose life showed a virtue that the candidate hopes to foster in his/her own life. For example, the virtue of courage to stand up for the poor and marginalized, like St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta, or the virtue of trust in God, like St. Joseph, who trusted in God’s plan for him as head of the Holy Family. In this way, the saint becomes a special patron saint throughout the candidate’s life.

Whatever name you choose for your Confirmation name, whether it is your baptismal name or a saint’s name, please explain why you chose your name and this saint’s significance to you.

The Service Project/Christian Service

Christian Service is a way of life for the Confirmed, Catholic Christian. Christian Service is doing work in the name of Christ. In doing Christian Service others should be able to recognize Christ in us. Christian Service is:

- Rooted in Christ
- Living out our baptismal commitment
- A service of love
- A service of commitment to God
- Involvement in parish community through various parish ministries

Each candidate is encouraged to bear witness to the gospel message by choosing and carrying out volunteer service. This should involve Christian Service within the community or parish family. Such an experience is a concrete action performed in answer to the gospel's challenge to love our neighbor as Jesus loves us.

Christian Service Projects are based on the corporal and spiritual works of mercy.

Corporal Works of Mercy

Feed the hungry.

Give drink to the thirsty.

Clothe the naked.

Shelter the homeless.

Visit the sick.

Visit the imprisoned.

Bury the dead.

Spiritual Works of Mercy

Convert the sinner.

Instruct the ignorant.

Counsel the doubtful.

Comfort the sorrowful.

Bear wrongs patiently.

Forgive sinners.

Pray for the living and the dead

Ministries at St. John's

Lector

Eucharistic Minister

Live Streaming

Christmas Project

Thanksgiving Dinner

ROLE OF THE SPONSOR

The new Rite of Confirmation encourages the candidate to choose the sponsor (godparent) she/he had at Baptism, because Confirmation is intimately connected with Baptism both historically and theologically. Parents cannot be sponsors for their own children. Any practicing Catholic over the age of sixteen who has been Baptized and received the sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation can be a sponsor. A second choice would be a confirmed practicing Catholic whom the candidate admires and who bears witness to the gospel in his or her everyday life. The candidate may choose one sponsor, and the sponsor does not have to be of the same gender as the candidate. The sponsor should be someone of good moral character who knows the candidate, helps the candidate, and serves as witness to the candidate's morals, faith, and intention.

We encourage the early selection of a sponsor by the candidate and his/her family. This will better enable the sponsor to encourage the candidate and to be involved through all stages of the process as he/she prepares to receive the sacrament. The candidate must be accompanied by a sponsor when she/he asks to receive the sacrament of Confirmation.

The sponsor must be:

1. *A baptized and confirmed Catholic at least 16 years of age;*
2. *Someone who is practicing the Catholic faith;*
3. *[If married] Married according to the laws of the church;*
4. *Willing and able to accompany the candidate on this faith journey.*

The sponsor must be someone with whom the candidate is comfortable talking and praying. It is her/his primary responsibility to pray for the candidate during this time of final preparation for the sacrament of Confirmation.

The sponsor is delegated by the local Christian community and approved by the pastor. She/he accompanies the candidate on his/her journey of faith and most especially on the day of Confirmation. He/she presents the candidate to the bishop or his representative for Confirmation and stands with her/him as she/he professes the faith and receives the Sacrament.

The sponsor should also help the candidate with doubts and anxieties, be ready to give public testimony for the candidate, and watch over her/his progress into the Christian life. Already a friend before Confirmation, the sponsor remains an important influence when the candidate has received the sacrament and continues to remain faithful to his/her baptismal promises.

Sponsors must provide a **Sponsor Certificate** from the church where she/he worships. All Sponsors should fill out the attached Sponsor Certificate and bring it to their parish of worship. If the Sponsor is a parishioner of St. John the Evangelist, Attleboro, MA the Sponsor Certificate should be turned into the Faith Formation Office, and we will have Father Craig Pregana sign and seal the form.

Candidates, when completing the Sponsor Sheet, please remember to write your full name.

St. John the Evangelist
Family Faith Formation
One St. John Place
Attleboro, MA 02703
508-222-0707

Sponsor Certificate

Name of person to be a Sponsor: _____

Address: _____

Telephone #: _____

Name of Confirmation Candidate: _____

Relationship to Candidate: _____

For those who assume the responsibility, the role of a sponsor means that you are living and practicing your Catholic faith by word and example. You are the kind of Catholic that you hope the one you are sponsoring will become. If you have questions about these matters or are concerned about whether you are an appropriate sponsor, please speak either with your parish priest, or with Fr. Craig Pregana, to clarify or rectify your concerns.

I Declare the Following:

- I. That I am Baptized and Confirmed Catholic, 16 years old or older, and that I am a registered member of _____ parish.
- II. If married, that my present marriage is valid (in accordance with the requirements of the Catholic Church).
- III. As a practicing Catholic, I participate at Mass regularly.
- IV. I realize that I assume a great responsibility before God and the Church in becoming a sponsor.
- V. I intend to encourage _____ in the practice of the Catholic Faith by word and example.

I affirm that I am able to act as a sponsor for Confirmation. I am aware of the responsibilities that I am being asked to assume. In good conscience I can say that I am qualified to act as a sponsor.

Note: Prospective sponsors must have this document signed by their own Pastor/parish priest.

Signature of Sponsor _____

Signature of Priest _____

Name of Parish Church _____

Church Seal:

Date: _____

Address of Parish Church _____

Examples of Confirmation Names

Achilleus	Denis	Martin
Adalbert	Dominic	Mary
Agatha	Elizabeth	Mary Magdalene
Agnes	Ephrem	Matthew
Albert	Eusebius	Matthias
Aloysius	Fabian	Maximilian
Alphonsus	Felicity	Methodius
Ambrose	Fedelis	Michael
Andre'	Frances	Miguel
Andrew	Francis	Monica
Angela	Gabriel	Nereus
Ann	George	Nicholas
Anselm	Gertrude	Norbert
Ansgar	Gregory	Pancras
Anthony	Hedwig	Patrick
Apollinaris	Henry	Paul
Athanasius	Hilary	Paulinus
Augustine	Hippolytus	Perpetua
Barnabas	Ignatius	Peter
Bartholomew	Irenaeus	Philip
Basil	Isaac	Pius
Bede	Isidore	Polycarp
Benedict	James	Pontian
Bernard	Jane	Raphael
Bernardine	Januarius	Raymond
Blaise	Jerome	Rita
Bonaventure	Joachim	Richard
Boniface	John	Robert
Bridget	Josaphat	Romuald
Bruno	Joseph	Rose
Cajetan	Josephine	Scholastica
Callistus	Juan	Sebastian
Camillus	Jude	Servite
Casimir	Junipero	Sharbel
Catherine	Justin	Simon
Cecilia	Kateri Tekakwitha	Sixtus
Charles	Katharine Drexel	Stanislaus
Christopher	Lawrence	Stephen
Clare	Leo	Sylvester
Clemene	Louis	Teresa
Columban	Lucy	Thomas
Cornelius	Luke	Theresa
Cosmas	Marcellinus	Therese
Cyprian	Margaret	Timothy
Cyril	Maria	Titus
Damasus	Marie	Turibius
Damian	Mark	Vincent
Damien	Martha	Wenceslas