

Good Shepherd Church

School of Evangelization - Office of Faith Formation

Office: 1956 Batchelder Street & Mailing: 1950 Batchelder Street - Brooklyn, New York 11229

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Sacrament of Confirmation

December 7, 2018 at 5:00 P.M.

~Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception Vigil~

This packet contains the following:

Candidate's Application in Grade 8

Sponsor Information (Form & Confirmation Certificate Required)

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Instructions

Please return the Candidate's Application, Sponsor Form & Sponsor's Confirmation Certificate, and fee to the Rectory Office (1950 Batchelder Street) no later than September 14th. Please be sure that the Candidate's Application, Sponsor Form & Sponsor's Confirmation Certificate, and fee are stapled together. Please do not separate any part of the returning paperwork.

**SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION 2018
CANDIDATE'S APPLICATION ~ Grade 8th**

*The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated on December 7, 2018 at 5:00 P.M.
by Most Reverend Nicholas DiMarzio, D.D. ~ Bishop of Brooklyn.*

KINDLY PRINT CLEARLY ALL INFORMATION...

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| Candidate's Name | FIRST | MIDDLE INITIAL | LAST |
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Candidate's Chosen Name for Confirmation: _____

Note: A Candidate must choose a name after a Canonized Saint of the Roman Catholic Church.

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| Candidate's Address | City | State | Zip |
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Telephone: _____

Parent's Active
Email: _____

Candidate's Date of Birth: _____
Month Day Year

Candidate's Date of Baptism: _____
Month Day Year

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CANDIDATE'S APPLICATION - Continued

Church of Baptism:

NOTE: If your child was NOT baptized at Good Shepherd Church then you will need to obtain a new copy of your child's baptismal certificate to submit with this application. If your child was baptized here at Good Shepherd Church no baptismal certificate is required we will check Register. Reminder...if you are obtaining a copy of your child's baptismal certificate be sure the back of the Certificate includes notations on First Holy Communion. All certificates require a Church Seal.

Father's Full Name: FIRST

LAST

Mother's Full Maiden Name: FIRST

LAST

Sponsor's Name: FIRST

LAST

Does your child have any special medical needs and/or concerns, this includes allergies to specific foods and medications, learning, or legal needs:

Application Fee is: **\$175.00 per candidate**. Note: Fee covers the costs for Retreat, Gowns, Sacramentals, Booklets, Photographer, Videographer, Altar Flowers, etc.

Application, Sponsor Form & Sponsor's Confirmation Certificate, and Fee Due by September 14, 2018 to the Rectory Office. Please return all paperwork stapled together - please do not return paperwork separately.

Checks payable to: **Good Shepherd Church**. Please include the name of your child in the memo of your check.

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CANDIDATE'S APPLICATION - Continued

Candidate & Parent-Guardian Agreement

PRINT Candidate's Name

PRINT Parent/Guardian Name

- 1) I consent to the release of utilizing my child's photo (and audio) in parish brochures, bulletins, website, videos, and all intellectual properties for the purpose of the Propagation of the Faith. In so doing you are permitting Good Shepherd Church and anyone it authorizes to use, produce, and reproduce my child's photo, audio, etc. No personal identification will be incorporated along with photos (such as: name, home and email addresses, telephone numbers, etc.) as to explicitly identify any child. I acknowledge that neither my child nor I will be paid any form of compensation for production or reproduction of said content(s). All content materials remain the (intellectual) properties of Good Shepherd Church and its subsidiaries.
- 2) I understand that my child is required to attend Holy Mass each Sunday at a Roman Catholic Church and have his/her Holy Mass Attendance Card signed by a priest/deacon.
- 3) I understand my child needs to attend class on Wednesdays 6:30 P.M. - 7:45 P.M. if attending Parish Religious Education.
- 4) I understand my child will attend the Confirmation Retreat on Saturday, October 13, 2018 - 11:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M. at the Academy Hall/Church.
- 5) I understand that my child needs to complete an original 2 page report based on my child's chosen patron saint by September 14th, 2018.
- 6) I understand that my child needs to complete 20 hours of Christian Service by September 14th, 2018.
- 7) I have read and agree to the Guidelines for the Sacrament of Confirmation and the Registration Agreement.

Candidate's Signature

Date

Parent-Guardian Signature

Date

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Sponsor Information

Confirmation sponsors “bring the candidates to receive the sacrament, present them to the minister for anointing, and will later help them fulfill their baptismal promises faithfully under the influence of the Holy Spirit whom they have received.” (Rite of Confirmation, 5)

There are a few requirements to be a Confirmation sponsor. They must be spiritually fit to take on their responsibility which is evidenced by:

1. Sufficient maturity to fulfill their function;
2. Membership in the Catholic Church and having received all of the sacraments of initiation (baptism, confirmation, and eucharist);
3. Freedom from any impediment of law to fulfilling the office of sponsor. This means that a sponsor must be in good standing with the Church (no public dissent, believes in the teachings of the Church, and in full communion with the Church).

What specifically will the Sponsor need to provide?

- 1) The Sponsor must provide a certificate that s/he has received the Sacrament of Confirmation in the Roman Catholic Church.
- 2) The Sponsor must have the Sponsor Form completed at his/her parish Church. Your parish is where you are currently residing and registered at not necessarily where you originally made your sacraments of Baptism, First Communion, and Confirmation. Contact your local parish Church and inquire whether you need to make an appointment to have the Sponsor Form signed and sealed. Please do not arrive unannounced at a rectory office as only an official of the rectory staff (Priest, Deacon, Pastoral Associate, etc.) may sign and seal the Sponsor Form.
- 3) The Sponsor’s Certificate of Confirmation and Sponsor Form must be submitted with the Candidate’s Application and fee by September 14th 2018. Please do not separate any of the paperwork.

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Sponsor Form for the Sacrament of Confirmation

Sponsor - Please take this form to your Parish Church and sign in the presence of a Church Official who will support this with their signature and seal of the Church. Please know your Parish is where you are currently residing and registered at not necessarily where you originally made your sacraments of Baptism, First Communion, and Confirmation.

I, _____ have been asked to be a
Print Sponsor's Name First Last

sponsor for the Sacrament of Confirmation for _____

Candidate's Name

who will be confirmed at Good Shepherd Church - Brooklyn, New York on December 7, 2018.

I affirm that:

1. I am at least 16 years of age.
2. I am fully initiated into the Catholic Church through the Sacraments of Baptism, Holy Eucharist, and Confirmation, and I am striving to live a life in harmony with the Church.
3. My marriage has the blessing of the Catholic Church.
4. I am not the father or mother of the one to be confirmed.
5. I am an active and participating Catholic, and promise to the best of my ability to serve as an example in encouraging the candidate to participate in the sacramental life of the Church.

Sponsor's Signature

Sponsor's Home Address

Sponsor's Church Envelope Number: _____

Print Name of Church Official

Signature of Church Official

Church: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____



Sponsor's Certificate of Confirmation



Each Sponsor must obtain a copy of their Certificate of Confirmation. Please contact the Church where you received the Sacrament of Confirmation.

A Certificate of Confirmation is required proving the Sponsor has validly received the Sacrament in the Roman Catholic Church.

Return a copy of the Sponsor's Certificate of Confirmation to the Rectory Office no later than September 14, 2018.

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Excusal Letter for My Child's Public School

1 December 2018

To Whom It May Concern:

Please allow _____
(Student/Child's Name)

Class: _____

an excusal absence on December 7th, 2018 for the purpose of participating in the Rite of Confirmation at Good Shepherd Church.

Thank you for your understanding on this matter.

Sincerely yours,

Robert A. Ruggiero

Robert A. Ruggiero
Pastoral Associate

Parent/Guardian Signature

Parent/Guardian Printed

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Excusal Letter for Sponsors and Parents/Guardians from Work

1 December 2018

To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of the Pastor of Good Shepherd Church this letter is to advise you that:

(Parent/Sponsor's Name)

() is a parent of () is a sponsor for:

(Candidate's Name)

a Candidate receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation on December 7, 2018 at
Good Shepherd Church, Brooklyn, NY.

It is requested that the above individual be granted an excusal to attend this important religious
rite.

Thank you for your attention on this matter.

Sincerely yours,

Robert A. Ruggiero
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Pastoral Associate

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Reminders for the Sacrament of Confirmation

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- 1) **Confirmation Retreat at Good Shepherd Academy & Church for Candidates only - October 13, 11:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M. in Academy Hall and Church.**
- 2) **Rehearsal (in Church) for both Candidate and Sponsor is Monday, December 3, 2018 2018. Arrival time to Church is 6:30 P.M.**
- 3) **The Sacrament of Confirmation will be administered on: December 7, 2018 at 5:00 P.M. by Most Reverend Nicholas DiMarzio, D.D.**
NOTE: Arrival time of both Candidate and Sponsor is 3:45 P.M. prior to Holy Mass on the day of Confirmation, please go to the Academy Hall.
- 4) **Candidate is to choose a name from the Canon of Saints. A helpful website to review Canonized Saints is www.catholiconline.org Only the name of a saint/beatified may be chosen for Confirmation and subject to the Bishop's approval.**
- 5) **Complete and obtain the following documents and return to the Rectory Office by September 14th. Please return all the documents at the same time stapled together - no candidate can be accepted into the Sacrament of Confirmation without all of the below documents submitted:**
 - a. **Sacrament of Confirmation - Candidate's Application with fee.**
 - b. **Candidate's Baptismal Certificate (including notations of First Holy Communion) with Church Seal.** If the candidate was baptized at Good Shepherd, then please provide the exact date (Month, Day, Year) so we may check our Baptism Register. No certificate will be required.
 - c. **Sponsor's Certificate of Confirmation**
 - d. **Sponsor's Form with Church Seal**NOTE: The sponsor must be fully initiated into the Catholic Church, 16 years of age, and not the parent of the candidate.

We look forward to celebrating your child's Sacrament of Confirmation with the greatest love and reverence as they prepare to receive the Holy Spirit and become full members of the One Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church.

Guidelines for the Sacrament of Confirmation

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Church Seating: there are no tickets required for entry into Church and no reserved seating except for Candidates and their Sponsors.

Attire: Appropriate attire is mandated for Church. No sneakers, sports shoes, flip flops are to be worn by either candidate or sponsor. Formal attire is required by both candidates and sponsors. No sleeveless dresses, tank tops, off-the-shoulders dresses, dresses must be reasonable length - NO shorter than 2 inches above the knees. No jeans or denim pants, no tight fitting slacks, no shorts, or sweats are permitted.

Video/Photography: a professional photographer/videographer will be available and a DVD will be mailed home. Photos are permitted by family. Photos can be taken from seats only, no one will be permitted to enter into the sanctuary or cross the transept. Kindly follow the instructions of the Church Ushers. Flash photography is not permitted during Holy Mass. There will be an opportunity for children to be photographed with his/her sponsor and the Bishop after Holy Mass. Professional photographers/videographers hired by parents are not permitted into the church.

Rite of Communion: is under both Sacred Species - The Most Precious Body and Blood of Christ. Holy Communion will be distributed to candidates and sponsors first then to the congregation.

Church Protocol: We appreciate your cooperation as to assure solemnity throughout our liturgy in support of our candidates who are about to be sealed with the Holy Spirit. Your attention to please observe the following:

- Turn off all cellular phones and communication devices.
- Please refrain from unnecessary talking.
- Please remain in your seats.
- Flash photography is not permitted during Holy Mass. Professional photographers/videographers hired by parents are not permitted.
- We encourage all to participate in responding and singing during Holy Mass (Program Booklets will be available).

At any time you have a question or need assistance, kindly contact us at

Telephone: 718-758-4143 or www.goodshepherdparish.org

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