

Good Shepherd Church

~Year of Saint Joseph~



**Important Update ~ 27 February 2021 A.D.
Sacrament of Confirmation**

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Dear Candidate and Family:

As we approach our Sacrament of Confirmation Sacred Liturgy, please be sure to carefully read over the below reminders and guidelines.

Please be sure to keep this update for future reference.

If you have any questions/concerns, please advise by *Reply to Email* listed above. Thank you!

God's Blessings...Stay Safe,

Pax Christi,

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Important Reminders

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be administered on Wednesday, March 10th at 2:00 P.M. & 4:00 P.M. by Most Reverend Paul Sanchez, D.D. during the Liturgy of the Word...there is no celebration of Holy Mass.

Candidates and Sponsors:

Arrival time is 1:00 P.M. for 2:00 P.M. Sacred Liturgy

Arrival time is 3:00 P.M. for 4:00 P.M. Sacred Liturgy

Note: please enter through Brown Street doors and Sign In with the catechists.

It is important that you arrive on time so photos may be taken before the Sacred Liturgy begins.

NOTE: Your Packet Label reminds you the time you are scheduled for Confirmation. If your packet has **RED Tickets = 2:00 P.M. Confirmation & **BLUE Tickets = 4:00 P.M. Confirmation.****

Your Packet contains the following:

- Confirmation Gown
- Confirmation Name Tag (Sticker)
- Confirmation Mask (Candidate to use only the mask enclosed)
- Confirmation Certificate
- 5 Tickets for the Family to attend the Sacred Liturgy

Guidelines for the Sacrament of Confirmation ***Please Read Carefully***

- 1) The Confirmation Sacred Liturgy will require tickets for anyone entering into the church. Each family (not per candidate) will receive 5 tickets in total. Tickets are for family not the candidate or the sponsor. Our seating capacity is limited due to COVID-19 safety restrictions.
- 2) The family may take whatever seats are available but maintain social distancing from other families.

3) Photography - we will arrange for a photographer to take photos. The first photo will be with the candidate and sponsor in front of the altar. The second photo will be taken during the anointing. *Important - the sponsor needs to stand behind the candidate not next to the candidate otherwise you will block the photographer and there will be no photo.* There are no photos with the bishop due to COVID-19 safety regulations. No personally hired photographer or videographer by a parent is permitted into the church. No one is permitted out of their seats to take photos. Parents are welcomed to take photos after the Sacred Liturgy.

Note: it is important that the Candidate and Sponsor arrive on time so photos may be taken before the Sacred Liturgy begins (1 hour before the Sacred Liturgy). There will be no videos (DVD) due to the restrictions of wearing masks.

3) Dress Attire for both Candidates and Sponsors - ***appropriate formal attire is mandated by both candidate and sponsor.*** No sneakers, sport shoes, flip flops, or sandals. No jeans/denims, tight fitting slacks, sweats, shorts, or short dresses. No sleeveless dresses, off-the-shoulder (s) dresses, or tank tops are to be worn by either the candidate or sponsor.

4) COVID-19 - we will continue to monitor the ongoing State and Diocesan health regulations and guidelines for COVID-19. We will send updates as needed.

As of this writing the following directives remain in effect:

- Masks are to be worn by everyone entering into the church and throughout the Sacred Liturgy. Masks must cover nose and mouth.
- Candidates and sponsors will be seated in the front of the church with social distancing between candidate and sponsor.
- Families may be seated in available pews with social distancing from other families.
- No materials may be brought into church. This includes food or beverages or water bottles.
- Confirmation will be a ticketed liturgy. 5 Tickets per family.
- There is no entrance or recessional processions.
- Everyone needs to be seated before the Liturgy begins.
- The bishop will anoint each candidate with Holy Chrism using a new cotton ball per candidate.
- There is no shaking hands with the bishop.
- There is no photo with the bishop.

5) Reminders to Sponsors:

- Sponsors are to be seated in the pew to the left of his/her candidate.
- The candidate and sponsor are to remain six feet apart in the pew due to social distancing.
- The Sponsor is NOT to place his/her right hand on the shoulder of the candidate.
- When coming forward to the bishop the sponsor stands behind the candidate not next to the candidate...*if you stand next to the candidate you will block the photographer and a photo will be missed.*
- The Sponsor says nothing to the bishop.

6) Anointing of Chrism Oil:

- Candidate and Sponsor approaches the bishop and bows.
- The candidate will be wearing a name tag bearing his/her chosen Confirmation name on the right side of his/her gown (please be sure long hair does not block the name tag) so the bishop can see the name tag.
- The bishop will anoint the candidate's forehead with chrism oil using a cotton ball. A new cotton ball will be used for each candidate.
- The bishop will say, "Peace be with you." to the candidate.
- The candidate responds, "And with your spirit."
- There is no exchanging of handshakes with the bishop.
- The candidate and sponsor bows.
- The candidate and sponsor returns to his/her seat.

7) Conclusion - at the closing rite candidates and sponsors will be directed to leave their pews and exit the nearest doors via Brown and Batchelder Streets. Families will follow.

We thank you in advance for your understanding and cooperation as we strive to comply with state and diocesan safety regulations on COVID-19.

If you have any questions/concerns, please click on the [Reply to Email](#) above. Thank you!

Come Holy Spirit!

