

Good Shepherd Church

Important Update ~ 31 December 2020 A.D.

Sacrament of Confirmation



Dear Parent:

A blessed Christmas and New Year to you!

As we prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation we have listed below some important updates. At this time our parish church remains in the Yellow Zone, which allows us to use 50% capacity of our church seating (approximately 400 people) at anyone time. We will continue to monitor state and diocesan regulations on COVID-19 and send you updates as needed.

Please be sure to carefully read over the below updates.

Please be sure to keep this update for future reference.

If you have any questions/concerns, please advise. Thank you!

Stay Safe...God's Blessings,

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Important Dates/Times

Retreat for Confirmation Candidates in Grade 8

Saturday, February 27th

12:00 P.M. - 3:00 P.M. in Church.

Masks must be worn in Church.

Note: arrival time is 11:30 A.M., please enter through Brown Street doors.

Confirmation gowns and masks will be distributed at the conclusion of the retreat.

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.

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.

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

Candidates for the Sacrament of Confirmation are assigned to the following Sacred Liturgy (if there is a misspelling, please advise):

2:00 P.M. Sacred Liturgy

***Emily R. "Catherine" Tompkins
Brendan "Anthony" Hanna
Noah R. "Nicholas" McCusker
Hannah CRS "Patricia" Flanders
James F. "Francis" McNeice
Gianna A. "Catherine" Rios
Paige A. "Faustina" Kuhner
Giana J. "Vincenza" Romano
Bryan J. "Joseph" Waszak
Brielle A. "Gemma" Leone
Vincent "Matthew" Parente
Robert L. "Anthony" Cox
Owen "Simon" Lopez***

4:00 P.M. Sacred Liturgy

***Christian R. "Salvatore" Buffa
Ariana R. "Philomena" Clancy
Giada "Catherine" Fernandez
Eva Librada "Ruth" Occhiogrosso
Collin R. "Thomas" O'Dea
Ava M. "Magdalena" Salimeni
Gavin P. "Peter" Gallagher
Ryan P. "John" Poidevin
Lydia "Brigid" Browne
Lucas "John" Zafra
James A. "Christopher" Schiotis
Luca A. "Sebastian" Megna
Nikolas V. "Michael" Calia***

Stephanie Irene "Isabel" Suhr
Alexia "Mary" Nelson
2:00 P.M. Sacred Liturgy

Neve Riane "Faith" Brierton
Matthew J. "Raphael" DeBlasi
4:00 P.M. Sacred Liturgy

Hanoi Abraham "Luke" Nelson
Ryan P. "Francis" Beenders
Clare M. "Elizabeth" Rhatigan
Anthony A. "Thomas" Rava
Nino "Francis" Sapienza
Vincenzo R. "Francis" Ali
Elizabeth J. "Patricia" Bewsher
Jane D. "Grace" Lauterborn
Patrick J. "Andrew" Glancy
Cristian "Pio" Diaz-Cortes

Joseph A. "Francis" Gerena
Gregory D. "Francis" Gobaira
Salvatore N. "Anthony" Greco
Samuel G. "Francis" Gwinn
Hailey M. "Joan" Johnson
Carlo D. "Thomas" Miciotta
Brenna "Catherine" Randolph
Isabelle R. "Anne" Smith
Timothy M. "Jude" Strehle
Nicholas M. "Joseph" Weinstein
Nicolas C. "Charles" DeRise
Elizabeth G. "Adelaide" King

Guidelines for the Sacrament of Confirmation

- 1) Photography - we will arrange for a photographer to take photos. The first photo will be with the candidate and sponsor in front of the sanctuary. 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. Parents are welcome to take photos after the Sacred Liturgy.

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

- 2) 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.

3) 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.
- Candidates and sponsors will be seated in the front of the church with social distancing.
- Families may be seated in available pews with social distancing.
- No materials may be brought into church.
- Confirmation will be a ticketed liturgy.
- There is no entrance or recessional processions.

4) 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.
- 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.*

5) Anointing of Chrism Oil:

- Candidate approaches the bishop with the sponsor and bow.
- 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.
- The bishop will verbally say, "Peace be with you."
- The candidate responds, "And with your spirit."
- There is no exchanging of handshakes.
- The candidate and sponsor bow.
- The candidate and sponsor returns to his/her seat.

6) Conclusion - at the closing rite candidates and sponsors will be directed to leave their pews and exit the nearest doors. 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.

"I am the good shepherd. A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep."
(John 10:11)