



# Welcome

## Confirmation Class of 2024



# Prayer to the Holy Spirit



PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT  
COME, HOLY SPIRIT,  
FILL THE HEARTS OF YOUR FAITHFUL.  
AND ENKINDLE IN THEM THE FIRE OF YOUR LOVE.  
SEND FORTH YOUR SPIRIT  
AND WE SHALL BE CREATED.  
AND YOU SHALL RENEW  
THE FACE OF THE EARTH.

O GOD, WHO INSTRUCTED THE HEARTS OF THE  
FAITHFUL BY THE LIGHT OF YOUR DIVINE SPIRIT,  
GRANT US BY THAT SAME HOLY  
SPIRIT TO BE TRULY WISE AND TO REJOICE IN  
YOUR CONSOLATION THROUGH THE SAME  
CHRIST, OUR LORD.  
AMEN.

# Dates of Importance

- September 24 - We will begin collecting signed bulletins.
- October 15 - Investiture Mass - 9:00AM
  - Rite of Enrollment Form is given to Fr. Buckley during Mass.
- October 24 - 40 Hours Closing Service with Solemn Procession - 7:00PM
  - This is a special opportunity for the class to come together and pray. You will be seated down front, behind the altar servers.
- November 1 - Last day to submit your Sponsor Letter.
- December 3 - Last day to submit your completed Service Hours Log
- April 7, 2024 - Confirmation Retreat & Practice - 11AM to approximately 4:00PM
- April 11, 2024 - Confirmation - 4:30PM

# Bulletin Collections

- Regular Mass attendance is a requirement for the reception of Confirmation.
- **Beginning September 24, 2023, all Confirmation students will be required to write their name on a weekly bulletin and hand it in to Fr. Buckley at the end of Mass.**
- Bulletins & pens will be available in the back of the church at the end of Mass.
- If you attend Mass at a different parish, please collect a bulletin there, sign your name to it, and hand it in to Fr. Buckley at the next Mass you attend.
- The final bulletins will be collected the weekend of April 7, 2024.



## EVERY WEEK:

Write your first & last name legibly on the bulletin.  
Hand it in to Fr. Buckley.

# Confirmation Investiture Mass

Be sure to read through the Rite of Enrollment form. You need specific signatures to complete the form.

- Students will be participating in the Mass, and sitting in the front pews together. Please arrive early - no later than 8:50 AM.
- Bring the completed Rite of Enrollment Form with you.
- Hand in the form to Fr. Buckley when it is your turn to approach the altar.

## *Rite of Enrollment*

I, \_\_\_\_\_, understand that my preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation is a responsibility that I choose to accept. I thereby agree to:

- cooperate to the best of my ability with the St. Joseph Parish program preparing me for the Sacrament of Confirmation
- participate in the learning sessions, activities, and spiritual opportunities provided by my parish community
- try to become a more active and involved member of my parish
- offer my talents and services where needed
- accept more responsibility in my family, community and parish
- participate in the weekend and Holyday Masses regularly
- seriously reflect on my decision to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation

I place myself in the loving hands of God, asking blessings and assistance, in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, that I may keep the promises that I have made by this agreement.

Candidate's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Witnesses: Parent(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor \_\_\_\_\_

Religion Teacher \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



**This form is to be completed and returned during the Confirmation Candidates' Investiture Ceremony to be held on Sunday, November 14, 2021 at the 11:00 AM Mass.**



# Sponsor Selection & Requirements

You choose your Sponsor.

- Sponsors must be an active, adult member of the Church.
- Must be fully initiated in the Catholic Church by Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist.
- Godparents are ideal sponsors. Parents may not serve as sponsors.
- The sponsor will participate in the Confirmation Mass.
- Sponsor forms must be filled out and signed by the sponsor and the sponsor's pastor.
- These forms must be submitted no later than November 1, 2023. No EXCEPTIONS.



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Coopersburg, PA

## Acceptance Letter from Sponsor for Confirmation

Dear Father Buckley:

I have been asked to be a sponsor for \_\_\_\_\_, candidate for the  
(student name)

Sacrament of Confirmation, which will be held on Thursday, March 17, 2022 at 4:30 PM.

I understand that my role as a sponsor is to act as a spiritual guide for the candidate, to assist him/her in preparation for the Sacrament, to present the candidate to the Bishop on the day of Confirmation, and, with the help of God, to continue to be a companion to him/her after the Sacrament is received. I am available, willing and able to do this.

I certify that I am a baptized and confirmed Catholic and that I practice my religion through attendance at Mass and reception of Sacraments on a regular basis, and that I am a registered member of my parish.

Sincerely,

\_\_\_\_\_  
(print sponsor's name)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(sponsor's signature)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(date)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(address)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(city)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(state)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(zip)

## To be completed by the sponsor's pastor

The parish community of \_\_\_\_\_

(name of parish)

in \_\_\_\_\_ attests that \_\_\_\_\_

(city and state)

(name of sponsor)

is eligible to be a sponsor for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(pastor's signature)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(date)

PARISH SEAL

N.B. The pastor of the sponsor's parish must sign, date and affix the parish seal on this acceptance letter. This document is to be returned to St. Joseph Church, 5050 St. Joseph's Road, Coopersburg, PA 18036-8920 by December 31, 2021.

Refer back to the Rite of Enrollment for why this is an important step in your preparations.

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## 2022 Confirmation Service Log

**PLEASE NOTE: FIFTEEN HOURS OF SERVICE IS REQUIRED.** Students should complete 3-5 different projects and no more than three (3) hours may be counted per project. All service hours must be signed by an adult service representative. Please return to your teacher or Fr. Buckley as soon as your 15 hours are completed. **ABSOLUTE DEADLINE FOR COMPLETION IS DECEMBER 31, 2021.**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

[illegible]

# Your Confirmation Name

- It is customary to select the name of a person who has officially been declared a Saint.
- Saint Report
- Shield Project





# *Additional Requirements*

- **Acts of Kindness**
- **Memorization of Catholic Prayers**
- **Memorization of The Bishop's Questions**
- **Letter to the Bishop requesting Confirmation**



# *Final Preparations for Confirmation*

**Student attendance is required at the Confirmation Retreat & Practice - April 7, 2024**

If for any reason your student cannot attend the retreat, you must seek prior approval from Mrs. O'Donnell to attend a retreat within another parish in our Diocese. For the rehearsal portion of the day, the student must be accompanied by their sponsor OR a parent/guardian who can stand in for the sponsor.



# **Confirmation** will take place on **Thursday, April 11 at 4:30PM in the church.**

- Students must arrive by 4PM.
- Seating arrangements will be assigned at the practice.
- Attire for all students is semi-formal, "Sunday Best". No sneakers or jeans.
- Students will be required to wear robes --->
- All families will have the opportunity to take photos with Fr. Buckley and the Bishop in the Parish Center following the service.



# Questions?

Points of Contact for Confirmation Preparation Concerns:

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