



September 2023

Dear Confirmation Parents,

Confirmation will be administered by Bishop Schlert at St. Jane Parish on Wednesday, March 20th, 2024.

Time of Confirmation will be 4:30 p.m. at St. Jane Church.

REHEARSAL

Rehearsal for Confirmation: Sunday, March 10th at 6:00 p.m. at St. Jane Church
Sponsor and Confirmation candidate must attend.

If the sponsor is unavailable for rehearsal, another adult can fill in for the rehearsal.

SPONSOR FOR CONFIRMATION

Each student is required to have a sponsor. The sponsor can be of either gender. A sponsor must be at least 16 years of age, have been confirmed themselves and practicing his/her faith. If the sponsor is married, they must be in a valid marriage in the Church. Sponsors may not be a parent of the one to be confirmed, but godparents are encouraged to continue their faith role as sponsor. If the sponsor does not belong to St. Jane's Church, he/she must request a Certificate of Eligibility from the church they attend.

These certificates are due by November 30th, 2023.

Certificates should be sent to the Religious Education Office; 4049 Hartley Avenue; Easton, PA 18045.

BISHOP QUESTIONS

The Bishop's Confirmation Questions from the Catechism are to be studied and memorized by each candidate in the class. Questions are on the last page of this document.

8TH GRADE CONFIRMATION PARENT SESSIONS:

*Please note: Parent sessions are for parents only.

1st Parent Session: Monday, November 13th – 7:00 p.m. – Chapel @ 4049 Hartley Ave.

Make-up: Tuesday, November 28th – 7:00 p.m. – Msgr. Gobitas Meeting Room (basement of Church building)

*Msgr. Radocha will present the **FIRST** Parent Session for Confirmation.

If you have attended Msgr. Radocha's session in the past you do not need to watch the **FIRST session.

2nd Parent Session: Monday, January 8th – 7:00 p.m. – Church @ 4049 Hartley Ave.

Make-up: Tuesday, January 9th – 7:00 p.m. – Msgr. Gobitas Meeting Room (basement of Church building)

***One parent must attend this meeting or make-up.**

RETREAT FOR CONFIRMATION

- **CCD Confirmation Retreat** – Included in CCD schedule.
- **St. Jane School 8th Grade Retreat** – To Be Announced

FORMS

**Some of these forms are at the end of this parent letter.*

The following forms must be sent to the Religious Education Office on or before the dates below. Send these forms to the school or parish office.

1. Sponsor Certificate of Eligibility from sponsor's parish is **due by November 30th**
2. Confirmation Name Project
 - CCD – Due November 30th through CCD Google Classroom
 - School – Due October 30th
3. Letter to Bishop Schlert
 - CCD – Due November 30th through CCD Google Classroom
 - School – Due December 8th
4. Service Hours (total 15 hours)
 - CCD & School – due January 31, 2024.
 - *Anything that helps people, the church, or the community counts as service.
 - Service hours from January 2022 through January 2024 count toward the 15 hours.
5. Gown order form & payment due **no later than January 5th, 2024.**
 - *All Confirmation students must have a gown, see next page for order form.

DRESS CODE

Every Confirmation candidate will wear a RED gown (both boys and girls).

The cost of a remembrance gown is \$20.00.

Gowns must be ordered and paid for by January 5th, 2024. No gowns will be ordered after this date.

GIRLS

Girls are asked to wear a dress or skirt and blouse under their red robe. Shoes should be reasonable in design and height. (no sandals, flip-flops or clogs....and hair off of the forehead).

BOYS

Boys are to wear a shirt, tie and dress slacks (such as Dockers...) under their red robes. Dress shoes and socks. Hair must be neat, and off of the forehead.



Please return the bottom portion along with your payment

CANDIDATE NAME _____

Male

Female

St. Jane's School _____ **8th Grade PREP** _____

HEIGHT _____

PAYMENT \$20.00 _____ **ENCLOSED.**

(Please make checks payable to St. Jane's Church.)

**FORM MUST BE RETURNED BY JANUARY 5th, 2024.
NO GOWNS WILL BE ORDERED AFTER THIS DATE.**

Dear Sponsor,

As you know, your responsibility as a sponsor for a Confirmation Candidate is to share your faith and to help your candidate mature in the Catholic faith. We encourage you to help your candidate in any way that you can. We ask that you take an interest in what is being taught and the projects that your candidate will be completing. I am sure that your suggestions, support and encouragement will be appreciated.

Please fill out the bottom section of this form and return it with your certificate of eligibility to the Religious Education Office by **November 30, 2023**. The certificate of eligibility can be acquired at the sponsor's home parish.

God Bless You,
Kevin Kimmel

The Code of Canon Law states that it is desirable that one of the sponsors/godparents for Baptism also undertake the role of sponsor at Confirmation. The following conditions also apply:

- The sponsor should be at least sixteen years of age.
- The sponsor should be fully initiated into the Church (*Confirmed*).
- The sponsor should be a practicing Catholic in good standing (*i.e. regular Mass attendance, married in the Catholic Church by a priest*).
- Neither of the parents of the candidate should be considered as a possible sponsor.
- A person of either sex may stand for either a boy or a girl.
- A baptized non-Catholic **may not** act as a sponsor.

Confirmation Candidate _____

Name of Sponsor _____

Parish of Sponsor _____

Parish Address _____

Each **SPONSOR** must fill out this form and return it with a **CERTIFICATE of ELIGIBILITY**.

Office of Religious Education
4049 Hartley Ave.
Easton, PA
18045

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The Bishop's Confirmation Questions

1) WHAT ARE THE SACRAMENTS?

The Sacraments are sacred signs through which Jesus gives us His Spirit and makes us holy and pleasing to Him by grace.

2) HOW MANY SACRAMENTS ARE THERE?

There are seven sacraments.

3) WHAT ARE THE NAMES OF THE SEVEN SACRAMENTS?

The seven sacraments are: Baptism, Confirmation, Holy Eucharist, Penance, Anointing of the Sick, Holy Orders and Matrimony.

WHAT IS CONFIRMATION?

Confirmation is the sacrament in which the Holy Spirit comes to us in a special way to join us more closely to Jesus and His church and to seal and strengthen us as Christ's witnesses.

WHAT IS CHRISM?

Chrism is a blessed mixture of oil and balm used during the baptismal ceremony, in Confirmation, during the ordination of priests and bishops, and in the consecration of churches, altars, and other things.

WHAT ARE THE GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT?

The gifts of the Holy Spirit are wisdom, understanding, right judgment (or counsel), courage (or fortitude), knowledge, reverent love (or piety) and holy fear.

WHO IS THE MINISTER OF CONFIRMATION?

The Bishop is the ordinary minister of Confirmation.

8) HOW IS CONFIRMATION GIVEN?

The bishop extends his hands over the person and anoints the forehead in the form of a cross while saying: "Be sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit." The person being confirmed answers, "Amen," meaning, "Let it be so." The bishop says "Peace be with you." The person being confirmed answers, "And with your Spirit." The Gift is the Holy Spirit Himself. He is the Gift of the Father and the Son to us.

9) WHAT ARE THE EFFECTS OF CONFIRMATION?

The effects of Confirmation are: an increase of sanctifying grace, the gift of a special sacramental grace and the imprint of a lasting character on the soul.

***ALL ANSWERS MUST BE MEMORIZED IN THE EXACT ORDER THEY ARE IN.**