

St. Mary's Denville Confirmation Name Guidelines v5/1/21

To be completed by Candidates;

2021-2022 gr 8; For Confirmation Spring 2022, Due by Jan 4, 2022
(may submit as early as 5/1/21, but not before)

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Submission to be **emailed to lof.points@gmail.com**

Why is a Confirmation name important? *At Confirmation, you deepen your commitment to the Church and to your faith. Choosing a saint name for Confirmation is a very important step in your Sacramental Preparation. It is an acknowledgement that the Holy Spirit will change you through the grace of this Sacrament. In Scripture, Jesus changed the name of some of his disciples to signify that their role had been changed and that they were becoming, in a sense, a new person with a new identity. Just like you on the day of Confirmation. For example, Abram became Abraham (Genesis 17:5), Sarai became Sarah (Genesis 17:15), and Simon became Peter (Matthew 16:18). So, as a symbol of this change, you get to choose a new name, if you wish. At Baptism, your parents chose your Baptismal name, which became your new Christian identity in the Church through the waters of Baptism. Now, you get to choose your Confirmation Name. You may use your Baptism name.*

Confirmation name:

- An approved Catholic Saint
- Choose a saint who exemplifies a quality, characteristic or special quality of holiness that you wish to have, somebody whose life you want to emulate, or somebody you have something in common with, that inspires you, a spiritual role model that can help guide you throughout your faith journey
- Research saint names, you will come to realize that they failed and succeeded, struggled as we all do, had faults and gifts like us, but they strived to live a virtuous and holy life and were faithful disciples with an extraordinary faith in God
- Ask yourself what kind of person you want to become, then pray about your decision

Some helpful sites

<https://www.catholic.org/saints/stindex.php>

http://www.catholicsupply.com/christmas/saint_meaning.html

After you choose your Saint name, write a paragraph and include a picture if you wish, be creative and have fun. Areas to cover: Saint's name. Why you chose this saint, when and where was your saint born, what did your saint do for a living and why were they considered to be a saint. Note what struggles they went through and what made them special. Include Feast Day, and what they are a patron of, if applicable. You may also include a personal note; such as in honor of a family member and a little bit about that person.

Include the following at the top of the paper, typed, 12pt font, double space

CANDIDATE'S FULL NAME: _____

CONFIRMATION SAINT NAME: _____

FEAST DAY _____ Patron of _____