

Saint Jude Catholic Church Guidelines for Confirmation Procedures

Confirmation Forms:

The Sacrament of Confirmation Preparation Forms must be completed, signed and returned to the PREP Office by January 25, 2021. The information will be recorded in the Parish Sacrament Registry.

Class Participation and Requirements:

Weekly Mass attendance, class participation, completion of requirements and all paperwork are essential for the preparation of Confirmation. A student who fails to fully participate in all requirements may be considered **NOT PROPERLY PREPARED** for the reception of Confirmation at this time. It may be recommended that Confirmation be deferred until a later date.

Confirmation Retreat:

This required unique experience will help the confirmation candidate gain a greater understanding of full initiation into the Church and to reflect on their commitment to their faith. All candidates are required to attend; only a very serious reason should necessitate their absence.

Work of Mercy/Service:

Service commitments require conviction, good will, enthusiasm, generosity and responsibility. Candidates are asked to select service projects in the areas of Church, Family and Community. They are encouraged to view this as the beginning of a lifetime of service to others.

Confirmation Name:

A saint's name will be chosen as a role model or inspiration for our imitation. The name symbolizes a new identity as a disciple of Christ. It is important that the candidate studies and knows about the life of his/her Patron saint.

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Confirmation candidates are required to celebrate this Sacrament of Healing prior to the reception of Confirmation.

Sponsor Letter of Eligibility:

Every sponsor must have a letter of eligibility from their parish. Members of St. Jude Parish do not need to provide letter of eligibility, as it will be provided by the rectory staff. Please have parish send directly to Lori Rawski, St Jude Prep Office, 323 W. Butler Avenue, Chalfont, PA 18914

Proxy Sponsors:

If the actual sponsor is unable to be present for the celebration, a proxy may stand in his/her place. A proxy must follow all guidelines of the actual sponsor. If using a proxy, please contact the PREP Office at 215-822-9225, x 234 immediately.

Per Canon Law, **a candidate's own parent cannot be their sponsor or proxy.**

Rehearsal for Candidates & Sponsors:

Confirmation Candidates and Sponsors are to report to the St. Jude Church on the day of rehearsal. If a sponsor is not available for practice a parent or another responsible adult must attend in their place.

Confirmation Attire:

Confirmation Robes will be worn by all Candidates.

Boys are required to wear a dress shirt, tie, dress pants and appropriate shoes.

Girls are required to wear a dress or skirt and blouse and appropriate shoes.

NO SNEAKERS OR FLIP FLOPS

Sponsor Attire:

Sponsors are expected to dress in modest, appropriate Mass attire.

Photography:

To safeguard a sacred atmosphere in the Church during the Confirmation Celebration, parents/guardians, family members and friends may take pictures and record videos only from their pew. Occasionally photographs are taken during the Confirmation celebration and are used in parish publications or on the Parish website.

Seating:

The celebration is approximately 1 ½ hours in length. Please properly consider the need of small children attending. Pews will be reserved for candidates and their sponsors.

Contact Information:

All forms should be returned to: St. Jude PREP Office
323 W. Butler Avenue
Chalfont, PA 18914

Questions or concerns: contact Lori Rawski, 215-822-9225, x234