

FAQs for Parents and Confirmation Candidates of St. Patrick Parish

Confirmation Day is Thursday, October 26, 2023 (the Mass begins at 4:00 p.m.)

Practice and Confession for Confirmation candidates is on Sunday, October 8th – 2:00 to 4:00 in church (children only, no sponsors)

Ignite Confirmation Retreat is on Saturday, October 14th at Bishop Shanahan High School 9:00 to 1:30. Parents need to register their own child for this retreat.

Confirming Bishop

We welcome Bishop Michael Fitzgerald, retired Auxiliary Bishop of Philadelphia, to our parish to confirm our young people.

Confirmation Seating

In addition to the Confirmation candidate and their sponsor, the parents (or guardian) and 2 extra guests may attend. Due to the large number of children being confirmed, and the space in our church, we need to limit the seating.

Your Confirmation child and their sponsor have reserved seating. They do not need tickets.

Each family will be given 4 tickets to use for parents/guardians, guests.

- Confirmation candidates will sit together as a group in the center aisle pews.
- Sponsors will have assigned seats in the sponsor pews.
- A seating chart will be available to help the sponsors find their seat.
- Confirmation candidates will assemble in the Parish Center and process over and into the church. They should wear their robes when they arrive.
- The children being confirmed need to report to the parish center by 2:45 and no later than 3:00. They will have their individual portrait photo taken and also meet with the Bishop before mass begins.
- Sponsors need to be in their seat by 3:30. Directives for sponsors and their role in the Confirmation Rite will be explained at this time before the Mass begins.

Confirmation Robes

Robes are worn for the Confirmation Mass. We will distribute the robes to the SPS students through the school. PREP and Academy students will receive their robe at the practice. The robes are not worn at the practice.

(To remove wrinkles, take the robe out of the bag and hang on a hanger. Steam would be good to remove wrinkles, be careful about ironing as the material could be ruined, use light iron setting.)

Dress code (under the robe)

Girls: dress or skirt, dress shoes

Boys: dress shirt with collar, red tie (will be given to boys), dress pants and shoes

Please make sure hair is off of the forehead so that the Bishop can anoint the forehead with the sacred chrism.

Photos

- ❖ There will be a professional photographer to capture moments throughout the mass, as well as your child being anointed by the Bishop.
- ❖ A coupon code will be included in the envelope with your child's certificate. You may choose 2 free digital image files from the on-line picture gallery. If you wish to purchase more, you may do so from the photographer's on-line gallery.
- ❖ After the mass, the Bishop will be available for individual photos with each newly confirmed and their sponsor. Please follow the directives for this at the end of Mass.

