

Saint Raphael Parish, Milford
GIFT – Growing in Faith Together
Confirmation Program 2019/2020
Overview Session – Agenda

Introduction and Opening Prayer

Sacrament of Confirmation Overview

Confirmation Program Requirements

- * Regular (weekly) Mass participation – **the most important!**
- * Regular (weekly) homily comments
- * Class Schedule - Required Class Attendance and Participation (can miss no more than four classes; self-study for missed classes)

- * Service – Special parish and/or community service projects and one parish ministry

- * Written Assignments – with due dates (included in this packet)
 - Why weekly Mass participation is important
 - Confirmation sponsor
 - Confirmation name
 - Why do you want to receive the sacrament of Confirmation?

- * GIFT program assignments throughout the year
- * Interview – beginning May or June 2020
- * Confirmation Retreat – Will be planned for Fall 2020
- * Special opportunities to grow in faith. Examples: Sarah Hart Concert (Nov 10 or Nov 11, 2019), Eucharistic Adoration, Stations of the Cross, Rosary, Triduum Liturgies

Questions????

Information Sheet – To be completed by Confirmation candidates (tonight)

My Contact Information

- * Maria Tomasetti – atomasetti@snet.net or 203-988-8598 (cell phone – voice or text)
- * Will also share new parish e-mail address later in the Fall

Saint Raphael Parish – Confirmation Service Opportunities – 2019/2020

Parish Ministries

Please select at least one parish ministry. This is a great time to continue any current ministry, but also try a new ministry. Please return form by **October 6, 2019.**

Service Projects – as many as possible (minimum of two)

* October 5, 2019. Running Water for Africa 5K Race, 5K Walk or 1 Mile Walk to benefit three water projects – one in Tanzania and two in Uganda. The event is at Foran High School in Milford. Registration begins at 7:30 a.m. and event begins at 9 a.m. Join our Saint Raphael Parish Team!

* October 26, 2019. Milford Trick or Trot 5K Run/Walk to benefit Beth-El Center – Shelter and Soup Kitchen Ministries – beginning and ending at Lisman Landing. Registration begins at 7:30 a.m. and event begins at 9 a.m. Participants and volunteers are needed. Join our Saint Raphael Parish Team!

* Fall 2019 for group packing date (tentative) – Milford Food 2 Kids Volunteer through First United Church of Christ – Packing food bags for Milford children in need – for weekends and vacations. Details to follow. Opportunity available for individuals throughout the year.

* December 7, 2019 – Fair Trade Table at St. Raphael Parish Christmas Event. Learn more about what fair (ethical trade) is all about ... and help to introduce it to our parish and community.

* December 2019/January 2020. Christmas Strolling Music or Sing-a-Longs at Local Health Care Facilities.

* February 2020 – Souper Bowl of Caring (Coffee And Weekend – before and after Masses) either Saturday or Sunday. Make posters; conduct drive for non-perishable foods, paper goods, cleaning supplies; collect donations for local charity that serves the poor, e.g., Beth-El Center, raise awareness about poverty and hunger.

* March or April 2020 – Teen Health Care Facility Visit (most likely balloon volleyball and root beer floats!) – Golden Hill Health Care Center or West River Health Care Center.

* May 2, 2020 – HomeFront Day – Home repairs for local family in need – half day or full day – yard work, clean-up, scraping, painting, odd jobs. Join our Saint Raphael Parish Homefront Team!!

* Summer 2020 – Summer Camp Volunteers – Examples: Camp Happiness, Special Olympics, or Summer VBS Camp (*tentative*). Camp counselors, small group leaders, activity center helpers.

* Teens for Service (T4S) Group – In addition to above, service opportunities throughout the year. Examples: September tag sale assistance, cards or kits for military, Christmas shoebox project for children in need overseas, Christmas and Summer Giving Tree Program, winter family fun night in January, Easter baskets for homebound, stuffing backpacks in July/early August,

* Other service options: Beth-El Center volunteers, hospital junior volunteer, patient transport or recreation aide at health care facility, Red Cross youth volunteer as well as independent project. Please submit a description in advance for independent projects.

Confirmation Service Opportunities – 2019/2020 – Your Selection

Name _____ Date _____

Parish Ministries _____

Service Projects _____

Selection of Confirmation Sponsor

Due Date: January 12, 2020

Confirmation sponsors must be practicing Catholics who have received the sacrament of Confirmation. This means that they must be currently registered with a Catholic Church and attending Mass regularly.

Confirmation sponsors must be at least 16 years of age. They cannot be your parents because they have already accepted the primary responsibility of helping you grow in faith at your Baptism. Your sponsor can be your Baptismal Godparent. They can also be other family members, friends, neighbors, or teachers.

Your Confirmation sponsor is not just an honorary role for a nice or helpful person in your life. Your sponsor has the job of helping you to continue to follow Christ and to grow in faith during this Confirmation preparation period and after you have received the Holy Spirit in a special way during your Confirmation. . This person must be a role model for good Christian living, demonstrating their faith in their words and actions.

* Who can help you to think about God and learn more about God as you prepare for Confirmation?

* Who can help you as you continue to grow as a Christian after your Confirmation?

* Who do you think can help you follow Christ?

Confirmation Sponsor – Sponsor Information and Reason for Selection

Due Date: January 12, 2020

Name _____ Date _____

Sponsor's Name _____

Sponsor's Address, E-Mail Address, and Best Contact Phone Number _____

Name of Church where your proposed sponsor is currently a practicing Catholic

Why have you asked the above person to be your Confirmation sponsor? Please include the qualities that make this person a good role model for you as a Catholic.

Confirmation Name
Due Date: March 8, 2020

Your name gives you an identity. It tells other people who you are. God knows each of us by name. At Baptism, your parents chose a name for you. For Confirmation you have the opportunity to choose a name.

The name you choose must be a saint's name (or variation of that name) or a biblical name. It can be your Baptismal name. **Please do not just choose a name that you like.** Look for saints that you feel connected to, share an experience with, or want to be like. Think of how you will continue to try to follow the example of this saint. You may choose a patron saint of a particular area that is important to you, for example, athletics, computers, music, social work, education.

Here are some places on-line where you can find more information about saints.

- * www.americancatholic.org
- * www.catholic.org
- * www.catholic-forum.com

Please be sure that the web sites you are using include information about Roman Catholic saints. Please be cautious when using other web sites. We also have books available for this research.

Confirmation Name – Saint or Biblical Figure Research
Due Date: March 8, 2020

Name _____ Date _____

Saint/Biblical Figure Name _____

Five or more things you learned about this saint or biblical figure.

Why did you choose this saint or biblical figure? _____

How will you follow the example of this saint or biblical figure in your life? _____
