

Saint Raphael Parish Office
501 Naugatuck Ave
Milford, CT 06460
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August 11, 2019

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Our records indicate that your teen (entering Grade 9 or older) may be eligible to participate in our 2019/2020 Confirmation program. In the sacrament of Confirmation, we are strengthened by the Holy Spirit to make our own commitment to our special relationship with God that began at our Baptism.

Enclosed you will find:

- * 2019/2020 Confirmation Program Outline
- * Confirmation Program Intent to Participate Form – *for completion by Confirmation Candidates by September 10, 2019*

The Confirmation program is a combination of GIFT (Growing in Faith Together) sessions and special Confirmation preparation sessions, which include reading and written assignments. Requirements also include participation in weekly Mass and special liturgies, service projects as well as a parish ministry, an interview with a program coordinator, a fall 2020 Confirmation retreat as well as other spiritual opportunities that arise. The program outline includes details re: session topics, dates, and room locations. Please note that the GIFT sessions also require the participation of an adult, e.g., parent, guardian, or sponsor. You have also received Growing in Faith Together (GIFT) registration information in a separate mailing. GIFT program registration is required for all families with teens in our Confirmation program.

All Confirmation candidates should complete the enclosed intent to participate form by September 10, 2019. The form can be returned to Maria Tomasetti (atomasetti@snet.net, 42 Holly Street or 501 Naugatuck Ave in Milford) or via the collection basket – in an envelope addressed to Maria.

Please note there is a required overview session for all Confirmation candidates with a parent or guardian on Tuesday, September 10 – from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. in a Parish Center classroom (501 Naugatuck Ave Campus). We will review important details of the Sacrament of Confirmation and the Confirmation program at this meeting. Confirmation candidates will also complete an information sheet. This meeting is a great opportunity to get your questions answered.

Thank you for continuing to help your teen learn and grow in faith. Please contact Maria at atomasetti@snet.net or 203-988-8598 (voice or text) with any questions. We look forward to working with your family.

Sincerely,

Maria Tomasetti
Saint Raphael Parish, Milford – GIFT Sacramental Program Coordinator

St. Raphael Parish, Milford – Confirmation Program
501 Naugatuck Avenue, Milford, CT 06460

August 11, 2019

Dear Confirmation Candidate,

Our records indicate that you may be in 9th grade or older and eligible to participate in our 2019/2020 Confirmation program. In the sacrament of Confirmation, we are strengthened by the Holy Spirit to make our own commitment to our special relationship with God that began at our Baptism.

All Confirmation candidates – with a parent or guardian -- are **required to attend an overview session on Tuesday, September 10 from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.** in a Parish Center downstairs classroom. (501 Naugatuck Ave Campus).

All Confirmation candidates should complete the form below by September 10, 2019. The form can be returned to Maria Tomasetti (atomasetti@snet.net, 42 Holly Street or 501 Naugatuck Ave in Milford) or via the collection basket in an envelope addressed to Maria.

If you have any questions, please contact Maria at 203-988-8598 (voice or text) or atomasetti@snet.net. We look forward to working and learning with you this year.

Sincerely,

Maria Tomasetti
St. Raphael Parish, Milford – GIFT Sacramental Program Coordinator

Saint Raphael Parish, Milford – 2019-2020 Confirmation Program – Intent to Participate Form
To Be Completed and Signed By Confirmation Candidates (not parents/guardians)

Name _____ Address _____

Phone Number for Candidate _____ Phone Number for Parent/Guardian _____

E-mail addresses for Candidate and Parent/Guardian _____

Current Parish _____

High School _____

I plan to participate in the Saint Raphael Parish Confirmation program from September 2019 through October 2020. I understand that this commitment includes learning sessions, reading and written assignments, regular Mass participation, service projects as well as a parish ministry, an interview, a fall 2020 Confirmation retreat as well as other spiritual opportunities that arise. I understand that the sacrament of Confirmation is not a graduation. It is a commitment to continue to learn and grow in faith – during the Confirmation program and after receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Your Signature _____ Date _____

St. Raphael Parish, Milford - Confirmation Program – 2019/2020 Class Schedule

Date	Topic	Room Location	Required For
Tuesday, September 10 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.	Required Confirmation Overview Session	Parish Center Classroom	Confirmation Candidates + parent/guardian
Friday, September 20 (6 to 8:30 p.m.) or Sunday, September 22 (12 noon. to 2:30 p.m.)	GIFT – Following Jesus: Identity of Christ (Ordinary Time)	Beginning in Parish Center Hall (with catered dinner)	Confirmation Candidates + parent/guardian
Sunday, October 6 - 12 noon. to 1:30 p.m.	Becoming Our Best Self Choosing to Live a Life Close to God Faith in Action	Parish Center Classroom	Confirmation Candidates only
Friday, October 18 (6 to 8:30 p.m.) or Sunday, October 20 (12 noon to 2:30 p.m.)	GIFT – Following Jesus: Becoming a Disciple (Ordinary Time)	Beginning in Parish Center Hall (with catered dinner)	Confirmation Candidates + parent/guardian
Sunday, November 3 - 12 noon to 1:30 p.m.	The Sacraments	Parish Center Classroom	Confirmation Candidates only
Friday, November 15 (6 to 8:30 p.m.) or Sunday, November 17 (12 noon to 2:30 p.m.)	GIFT – Following Jesus: Preparing for the Coming of Jesus (Advent and Christmas Seasons)	Beginning in Parish Center Hall (with catered dinner)	Confirmation Candidates + parent/guardian
Sunday, December 8 - 12 noon. to 1:30 p.m.	Prayer Life and Relationship with God Types of Prayer, the Mass, the Bible and Prayer	Parish Center Classroom	Confirmation Candidates only
Friday, December 13 Between 6 and 7:30 p.m.	GIFT Advent/Christmas Celebration	Parish Center Hall (beginning with catered dinner)	Confirmation Candidates + parent/guardian
Sunday, January 12 - 12 noon to 1:30 p.m.	Church Year Seasons and Feasts	Parish Center Classroom	Confirmation Candidates only
Friday, January 24 (6 to 7:30 p.m.) or Sunday, January 26 (12 noon to 1:30 p.m.)	Teen Lures Safety Prevention Program	Beginning in Parish Center Hall (with pizza dinner)	Confirmation Candidates + parent/guardian
Sunday, February 9 - 12 noon to 1:30 p.m.	Living the Moral Life: Life Choices, Virtues, and Decisions We Make	Parish Center Classroom	Confirmation Candidates only
Friday, February 21 (6 to 8:30 p.m.) or Sunday, February 23 (12 noon. to 2:30 p.m.)	GIFT – Following Jesus: Suffering and Death of Jesus (Lent and Holy Week to Good Friday)	Beginning in Parish Center Hall (with catered dinner)	Confirmation Candidates + parent/guardian
Sunday, March 8 - 12 noon to 2 p.m. Please note longer session.	Advanced Tour of the Church Sacred Art and Music (inside St. Ann Church)	Beginning in Church Children’s Chapel	Confirmation Candidates only
Friday, March 27 (6 to 8:30 p.m.) or Sunday, March 29 (12 noon to 2:30 p.m.)	GIFT – Following Jesus: New Life in Christ (Easter Vigil, Easter Sunday, Easter Season)	Beginning in Parish Center Hall (with catered dinner)	Confirmation Candidates + parent/guardian
Sunday, April 19 - 12 noon. to 1:30 p.m.	Catholic Social Teaching	Parish Center Classroom	Confirmation Candidates only
Friday, April 24 (6 to 8:30 p.m.) or Sunday, April 26 (12 noon. to 2:30 p.m.)	GIFT – Following Jesus: Living as Disciples	Beginning in Parish Center Hall (with catered dinner)	Confirmation Candidates + parent/guardian
Sunday, May 17 12 noon to 1:30 p.m.	Love: Developing Healthy Relationships	Parish Center Classroom	Confirmation Candidates only
Friday, May 29 – between 6 and 7:30 p.m.	GIFT – Pentecost Celebration (open to all parishioners and guests)	Parish Center Hall (catered dinner)	Confirmation Candidates + parent/guardian
Tuesday, June 2 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.	Spring Wrap-Up Session	Parish Center Classroom	Confirmation Candidates only

Note: GIFT -- Growing in Faith Together -- is our faith formation program for people of all ages.