

St. John the Baptist Parish

# Confirmation Requirements

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2017 & 2018

Hello and welcome to the new 2017-2018 Faith Formation year. St. John the Baptist Parish staff and volunteer catechists are excited to begin and can't wait to meet you! Our Confirmation date this year will be held in Avon on **March 7th at 6:45 PM**. An additional rehearsal will occur one week prior to our celebration. Stay tuned for an update on this matter! Please fill out the information below and do your best to keep track of your Confirmation hours as well as other requirements.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Service Opportunities:** Our new Faith Formation Coordinator has updated a few of the guidelines for this year and is asking that 30 hours be completed in total for the year. These hours are open-ended and can be completed in various ways. However, a few categories are required.

## Parish Life:

Senior High Youth Rally - October 29th at St. John's University **(REQUIRED)**

Turkey Bingo - November 18th after 5:30 PM mass

Junior High Youth Rally - January 7th at St. John's University **(REQUIRED)**

Senior Social - January 15th from 9:30 to 1 PM

A requirement in this category other than the rallies, include attending at least **one** parish council meeting and **one** other parish committee meeting of your choice. Please view our parish website for further meeting details.

## Spiritual Life:

Reconciliation - December 12th Or March 20th at 7 PM **(REQUIRED)**

Anointing mass - October 7th at 5:30 PM Or 8th at 8:30 AM Or March 10th at 5:30 PM Or March 11th at 8:30 AM **(REQUIRED)**

Ash Wednesday mass - February 14th at 8 AM **(ENCOURAGED)**

Holy Thursday mass - March 29th at 7 PM **(REQUIRED)**

Good Friday service - March 30th at 7 PM **(REQUIRED)**

Easter mass - March 31st at 8 PM Or April 1st at 8:30 AM **(REQUIRED)**

Retreats:

Sophomores - Castaway Retreat **(REQUIRED)**

Juniors - Twinned Parish Confirmation retreat on Jan. 27th from 9-9PM **(REQUIRED)**

Additional Requirements:

Each student will be asked to write a brief letter to Fr. Greg Miller before receiving the sacrament of Confirmation. This letter is intended to create an open dialogue with our parish priest as a way to get to know our Confirmation students.

Outside Parish Tasks - Please complete at least two activities outside of St. John the Baptist Parish. Options include: helping at a food shelf, Salvation Army, Catholic Charities, Nursing Homes, Big Brothers/Big Sisters or Habitat for Humanity. These options are recommended however the point of service is to will the good of others, therefore any other organization that does the same is acceptable. Please record these experiences below:

Name of Task \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Task \_\_\_\_\_

Hours: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Supervisor w/ contact information:

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Other recommendations:

Our Faith Formation Coordinator and Catechists have created a few additional recommendations that can be considered as part of your “hours” for Confirmation:

1. Attend a Christian Concert
2. Interview/Speak to a parishioner or staff member of St. John the Baptist Parish asking them about their faith journey and their individual experience of the Sacrament of Confirmation. Summarize this experience in 3 paragraphs typed out in 12 pt. font.
3. Keep at least 3 or more journal entries sharing your feelings, questions and thoughts about your own Confirmation classes/activities. Each entry should be at least 1 double-spaced page with 12 pt. font.
4. Attend a second local Confirmation retreat in either Albany or Avon.



By signing this document, you have agreed that all hours have been completed and all contact information from various supervisors is true. Thank you!