



# *Confirmation*

*Year Two Preparation*

*Parent Orientation*



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# Opening Prayer

Gracious God, We ask for a deepening of the gift of community. Help us to grow in our love and care for one another during our time together.

We ask for the gift of intention. Help us to be present in our gathering, and grant us the patience to set other things aside.

We ask for the gift of discernment. Help us to recognize our gifts and use them for good.

We ask for the gift of strength. Help us to be strong enough to do what we believe, to be people of our word, to be people of action, and to be examples for others. Help us to be like the great saints who have gone before us.

We ask for the gift of understanding. Help us to support our youth on their journey toward the Sacrament of Confirmation.

For all of these things, and in thanksgiving for the opportunity to come together again, let us pray together the prayer Jesus taught us.

All: Our Father . . .



# Agenda

- Review Schedule
- COVID-19 and Safety Measures
- Material Review
- Expectations
- Service
- Sponsor
- Confirmation Name
- Catechists & Peer Ministers
- Questions



# Schedule

- Candidate Orientation - 9/12/21
- Class meeting dates: 10/3/21; 11/7/21; 12/5/21; 1/9/22; & 2/6/22
- Confirmation Retreat is 3/13/22
- Confirmation Name & Sponsor Forms Due 3/13/22
- Confirmation is on 4/23/22
- Mystagogy for the Newly Confirmed is on 5/1/22
- **Full Schedule can be downloaded at:**  
**<https://assumptionparish.org/confirmation-prep>**



# Candidate Orientation

- Next Sunday, September 12, 2021
- Candidate must be registered in the Confirmation Preparation Program to attend
- Directly following the 5:30pm Sunday Night Youth Mass



# **COVID-19 & Safety Measures**

- All in-person gatherings require masks
- Social Distancing guidelines will be observed
- Hand sanitizing stations will be set-up
- Health Screening



# Screening

Please complete Parts I and II below for each child before they attend Mass or Confirmation Preparation. This screening is performed at home and does not need to be submitted to the parish. If you answer YES to any of the symptoms listed or any of the screening questions below, DO NOT send your child to Mass or Confirmation Prep.

## Part I: Symptoms Consistent With COVID-19

1. Does your child have any of the following symptoms?

- Fever of 100 degrees Fahrenheit or greater\*
- New cough
- Shortness of breath
- Difficulty breathing
- Loss of taste or smell
- Headache
- Bodyache
- Chills
- Sore throat
- Nausea
- Vomiting
- Diarrhea
- Congestion/runny nose

## Part II: Close Contact/Potential Exposure

1. In the past 14 days, has your child or any other member of your household tested positive for COVID-19?

2. Is your child or any other member of your household assumed to be positive for COVID-19 based on symptoms or a healthcare provider's assessment?

3. In the past 14 days, has your child been in close contact (within 6 feet for at least 10 minutes) of anyone who either tested positive for COVID-19 or is assumed to be positive?

4. In the past 14 days, has your child or any member of your household been on a commercial flight or traveled outside of the State of New Jersey to an area on the [NJ Travel Advisory List](#)?



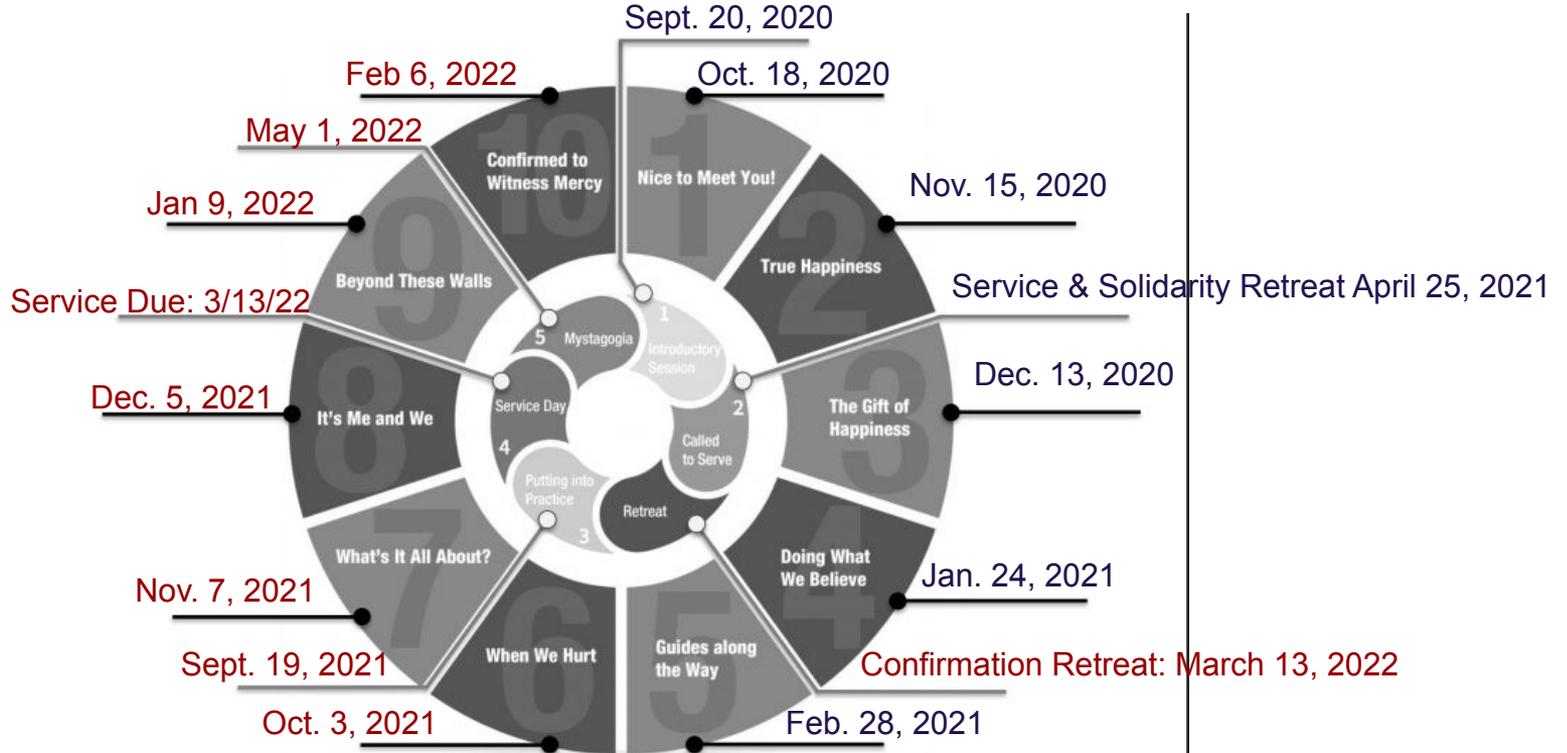
# Materials: Called To Mercy

<https://www.calledtomercy.com/>

- Candidates in their second year of preparation will continue with *Called To Mercy*



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## Mystagogia for the Newly Confirmed

Mystagogy from the Greek words meaning “to lead through the mysteries.” is a period of accompaniment for the newly Confirmed as they discover what it means to fully participate in the sacramental mysteries of the Church.

This gathered session comes after the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation. It focuses on the experience of receiving Confirmation and recalls the elements and activities of the entire preparation process.

The session helps the young people reflect on the process, express their gratitude for the guidance and community they have experienced through program leaders and peer relationships, and affirm the commitment they have made.



# Materials: Called To Mercy

## Login Information

- <https://mlearn.smp.org/login>
- Type in email & password
- If you have trouble click Forgot Password to reset
- Completing all 10 online modules is a requirement for reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation



# Expectations

- Full participation in on-line and in-person sessions
- Bring Bible, YouCAT, and writing utensil to each session
- Participation at Mass
- Full Family Participation



# Service

Being a Christian, a Catholic, and a disciple of Christ calls us to live our lives according to the example and instructions Jesus himself gave us. This is our mission as Church! One of the most important lessons Jesus taught us was that we must be willing to be a servant to all people in His name. This means that we must actually DO something to be a disciple of Christ! By doing community service, we demonstrate a willingness to show Christian responsibility to our mission. Therefore, all Candidates are asked to complete a minimum of 25 hours of service and to complete a brief service reflection.

- Log sheet and Catholic Social Teaching reflection prompts are available for use and can be found at: <https://assumptionparish.org/confirmation-prep>
- Service hours and reflection are due no later than 3/13/2022.
- If chosen, and your candidate consents, their reflection could be read to the year one Confirmation Candidates as part of the year one Solidarity Retreat.
- <https://www.jerseycares.org/>
- <https://springstreetcdc.org/table-of-hope/>



# Sponsor

The primary responsibility of the sponsor is to provide the candidate prayerful support and guidance in his or her Christian walk. Being a sponsor is a lifelong commitment. A sponsor takes on the role of a spiritual parent who “brings the candidate to receive the sacrament, presents him to the minister for the anointing, and will later help him to fulfill his baptismal promises faithfully under the influence of the Holy Spirit” (*Rite of Confirmation* 5).

A sponsor must have these qualities:

1. sufficient maturity to fulfill their function (at least 16 years old)
2. membership in the Roman Catholic Church - having received the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist
3. be practicing the Roman Catholic faith; attending Mass regularly (Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation) and living according to their baptismal promises
4. **not be a parent** of the Confirmation candidate.



# Sponsor

During the time of preparation, sponsors are encouraged to take an active role in the Confirmation program and meet with their candidates on a regular basis for faith sharing. It will be up to the candidates and their sponsors to set up times for the two to get together.

- Sponsor forms will be digital and accessible via the parish website in the winter
- Sponsor form is due no later than 3/13/22



# Confirmation Name

To reinforce the connections between Baptism and Confirmation, candidates are encouraged to be confirmed with their baptismal or given name. The act of reaffirming the name given them at Baptism is a way for them to confirm their baptismal promises. Candidates who decide to take a new Confirmation name should be encouraged to do so thoughtfully and seriously. The name might reflect a Christian ideal or goal or value they wish to strive for. Perhaps they wish to honor a saint whose holiness or charitable works have inspired them.

- Name forms will be digital and accessible via the parish website in the winter
- Name form is due no later than 3/13/22



# Catechists & Peer Ministers

- Catechists Needed!
- Ministerial Roles for Youth at our Parish
  - Freshmen & Sophomores: Music Ministry & Ushers
  - Juniors & Seniors (Post Confirmation): Peer Ministers, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Music Ministry & Ushers



# **Question & Answer**

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# **Thank You!**