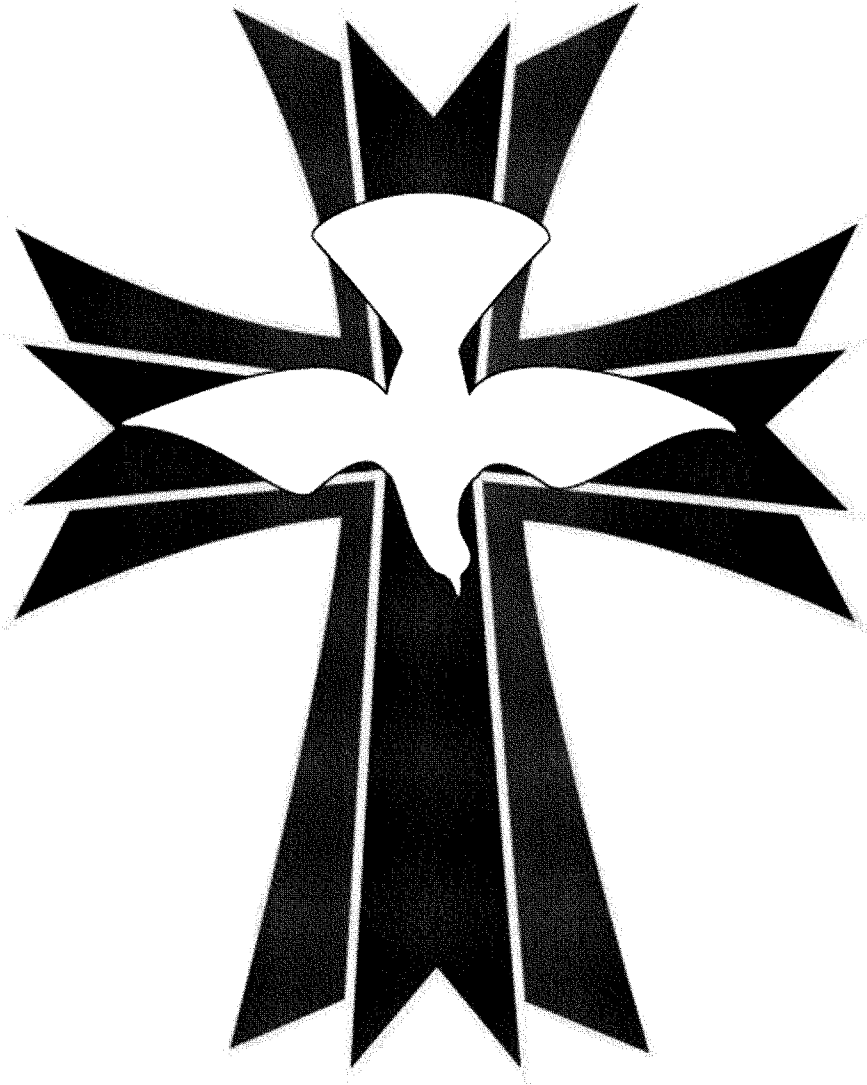


Confirmation Date and Time: _____



2024-2025 Confirmation Packet

2024-2025 Confirmation/First Communion Program

Grade 3 Plus

Confirmation and First Communion will occur together at Mass spring of 2025. The Bishop has not given us the dates yet. We will let you know as soon as we know.

Both sacraments will be received at the same time. The Mass will be about 75 to 90 minutes (about 1 and a half hours) long. Rehearsal is mandatory for the Confirmandi and their sponsors. We will practice processing into the church, review why they are doing this, and go over exactly what will occur to make them as comfortable as possible for the big day.

This packet includes the following:

1. Program requirements
2. Candidate requirements checklist
3. Candidate information preparation form
4. Sponsor form
5. Saints name worksheet
6. Practice sheet for parents to do with child at home

Sponsors will be provided if you can't find a qualified candidate. Sponsors who are registered at St. Anne's do not need to get their form sealed or signed by our pastor.

The dress code is respectfully dressed. This can run the gamut from suits to dress pants and collared shirt, and white communion dresses to a nice dress. If your dress has very thin straps, please include a sweater or jacket. Dress shoes are preferred, but clean sneakers are also okay.

Please refer to the Candidate requirement checklist for due dates. **Deadlines must be adhered to so that we can process all paperwork and details related to each child.** We appreciate your cooperation in this matter.

Retreat dates will be announced as soon as we have our Confirmation/Communion dates.

Home program books are due anytime you finish or by March 30 at the latest.

Confirmation Date and Time: _____

Confirmation Candidate Checklist

For all candidates:

Please try to bring Baptismal Certificate to the parent meeting.

Due by: December 5, 2024

Saint Name Worksheet

Due by: January 21, 2025

Baptismal Certificate (If from St. Anne provide the year of Baptism) If this has Already been provided to St. Anne's you don't have to do anything.

First Communion Certificate (For older students)

Due by: March 6, 2025

Confirmation Sponsor Form

Confirmation Candidate Preparation Form

Forms are due by dates listed. If forms are not received, student may be withdrawn from consideration for the sacraments.

Confirmation Date and Time: _____

Parent Meeting

For details, questions, and paperwork

Sunday, September 15, at 12:15 pm

OR

Thursday, September 19, at 10:30 am and 6:30 pm

Sunday date: TBD based on the Bishop's availability.

Either at 2:00 or 4:30 pm

Your time will be assigned to you so check your emails and put it on the top of the pages that you will be returning, please!

Rehearsals for First Eucharist/Confirmation:

Saturday, _____ at 9:00 am (for the 2:00 pm Mass)

Saturday, _____ at 10:00 am (for the 4:30 pm Mass)

Confirmation and First Eucharist will occur: _____

Confirmation Date and Time: _____

Confirmation Retreat

Spring Retreat

Home Program

Information will be sent out for Retreat
After last Confirmation Class

It's after the last class because all the information and
questions are covered during classes!!!

If you have any questions, please contact Joan Virga at
(603) 329 – 5886 x104 or jvirga@saintannechurchnh.org

A retreat will be held at St. Anne's before the celebration of Confirmation/First
Eucharist. The date will be determined based on the date of the
Confirmation/First Eucharist Mass. We are waiting for the Bishop's date of
availability.

Confirmation Date and Time: _____

Saint Name Worksheet

Many people choose an additional saint's name at Confirmation. The preferred name, however, is the baptismal name because it expresses the relationship that exists between Baptism and Confirmation.

If a new name is taken, however, it should be the name of a recognized saint of the Catholic church. If the baptismal name is not that of a recognized saint, a new name should be chosen for Confirmation.

Names of saints are chosen to serve as patrons and models for those being confirmed. Candidates should choose a patron saint's name, not because of the attractiveness of the name, but because of the attractiveness of the Christian life that that person led.

Find out more about your patron saint's life. Choose either your baptismal or confirmation patron.

Saint's Name: _____ Feast Day: _____

Name or derivative you have selected to use to

honor this special patron: _____

Saint's place of birth: _____

Find out something about this saint's:

• Family: _____

• Occupation: _____

• Life and /or death: _____

What virtues did this saint practice in his/her life? _____

What aspect of this person's Christian life attracted you? _____

How is this saint a model for Christians today? _____

Ask your parents or whoever named you how they picked the name you received at birth? Your baptismal name? Then write (on back) a brief story about what you found out.

Candidate's full name: _____ Date: _____

Confirmation Date and Time: _____

Sponsor Form

Each candidate must have a sponsor who is an individual with the following qualifications:

- Must be at least 16 years of age.
- A confirmed Catholic who attends Mass each week.
- If married, must be married accordingly to the norms of the Catholic Church.
- Must be registered member of a Parish.

Canon Law prohibits the parent of the one being confirmed from acting as sponsor for their child. It is desirable that one who undertook the role of the sponsor at Baptism be the sponsor for confirmation.

The information below must be completed and returned to the Confirmation Director (Joan Virga) by March 6, 2025.

Candidate's Name	Relationship to Sponsor
Sponsor's Name	Telephone Number
Sponsor's Address	Town/State/Zip

(To be completed by sponsor's Parish priest and sealed)

This is to certify that _____, to the best of my knowledge, is a registered member of this Parish, a regular participant at Sunday Liturgy, and a Roman Catholic canonically in good standing.

Date (affix seal)

Priest Signature

Parish Name

Confirmation Date and Time: _____

CONFIRMATION CANDIDATE'S PREPARATION FORM

Complete the following for Saint Anne Church records. **PLEASE PRINT IN INK.** More than one surname in a home is becoming quite common. To facilitate correct record keeping, please fill in **ALL NAMES** as requested on this form. *Please return completed form to Confirmation Director's Office (Joan Virga) by March 6, 2025. Thank you!*

CONFIRMATION CANDIDATE'S NAME: _____
Last First Middle

CANDIDATE'S ADDRESS _____
No. Street (Ave. Rd., Cir.) Apt # City State Zip

**PLACE & DATE OF BIRTH: _____
City, State DOB Age at Conf.

**PLACE & DATE OF BAPTISM: _____
Church City St. Baptism Date

****If Baptism was in a church *other* than St. Anne's, we will need a copy of the Baptismal Certificate (including the correct mailing address for that parish). The copy must be sent or brought to the Youth Ministry office one month before Confirmation. Thank you!**

MOTHER'S NAME: _____
Last First Middle

MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME: _____

FATHER'S NAME: _____
Last First Middle

SAINT'S NAME YOU ARE TAKING FOR CONFIRMATION: _____

SPONSOR'S NAME: _____ PHONE #: _____

Confirmation/First Communion
Program Requirements
Grade 3 and older 2024-2025

Commitment: Completion of Third grade Faith Formation program including Grade 3 Confirmation/Restored Order textbook and Eucharist textbook. This can be done in the classroom or through a home program. Manuals must be turned in for review. An online program is available for older students.

Attendance at Liturgy: Candidates are expected to **attend or watch Mass weekly.** A Mass guide will be sent out to you to help your child follow along with the Mass, say the responses, and connect with the readings. Activities and songs will be included to help reinforce the Gospel.

Reconciliation: Reconciliation preparation must be completed, and First Reconciliation must occur before candidates start preparation for Confirmation and First Eucharist.

Retreat: Candidates will attend a mini retreat before Confirmation to review concepts and procedure. Dates and times will be determined as soon as the Diocese gives us our Confirmation dates.

Sponsor Involvement: *Candidates* must register their sponsor (Sponsor form is attached). The candidate's sponsor is asked to have an active faith relationship in their church. The candidate's sponsor cannot be a parent. They may also attend any class or retreat offered. If you do not have a qualified sponsor, please tell us, and we will provide one from the parish.

Saint Name: Each *Candidate* will choose a saint name which will be used to call forth each candidate before the Bishop during Confirmation. (A worksheet is attached)

Parent Involvement: The faith of the child hinges upon the faith of the parent. Parents are called upon as the *primary catechist* for their children and cannot be replaced by anyone else. Sharing faith through word or action in the home is imperative for the spiritual growth of the child. This may take the form of praying before meals and/or bedtime or reading the Bible with your child. "*Family catechesis precedes, accompanies, and enriches other forms of instruction in the faith. Parents have the mission of teaching their children to pray and to discover their vocation as children of God.*" (Catechism of the Catholic Church #2226)

Confirmation

This is what happens when you walk up to the Bishop to be confirmed. Please practice this at home and with your sponsor.

1. Sponsor and student walk up to the Bishop and stand close enough for him to reach the student's forehead.
2. Sponsor's right hand is placed on the student's right shoulder.
3. *Sponsor* says, "*Bishop, I present.....* (sponsor says the student's saint name chosen for Confirmation)
4. Bishop dips his right thumb in the Sacred Chrism oil, makes the sign of the cross on the student's forehead, and says:
5. "Be sealed with the Gift of the Holy Spirit."
6. Newly Confirmed **student** says, "**Amen**"
7. Bishop says, "Peace be with you."
8. Newly Confirmed **student** says: "**And with your spirit.**"
9. Shake hands with the Bishop and head back to your seat.