

Confirmation 2011

*St. Joseph Catholic Church
Beltsville, Maryland*



Checklist:

- Parent/Sponsor Meeting – Wed., Sept. 22, 7 p.m.

Due October 13 to Mrs. Keith:

- Basic Information Page
- Proof of Baptism
- Proof of First Communion
- Sponsor Form (signed and sealed by his/her pastor if not a St. Joseph's parishioner)
- Community Ministry Service Project Form (alternate projects MUST be approved prior to October 13)
- Saint Report

Due February 2 to Mrs. Keith:

- Confirmation Retreat Registration (information to go home during school year)

Due February 23 to Mrs. Keith:

- Community Ministry Service Project Completion Form (signed by contact person)
- Letter to Bishop (information to go home during school year)

**St. Joseph Catholic Church
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Basic Information Page**

PLEASE PRINT

Candidate's Full Name: _____

Father's Full Name: _____

Mother's Name & Maiden Name: _____

School Student or Religious Education Student? _____

Address, City, State, ZIP: _____

Phone Number: _____

Parent's Email Address: _____

Date and City **of Birth**: _____

Date, Parish, and City **of Baptism**: _____

Date, Parish, and City **of First Communion**: _____

Sponsor's Full Name: _____

Sponsor's Relation to Candidate: _____

Sponsor's Current Parish; Parish City and State: _____

NOTE: St. Joseph's must have copies of the child's Baptism and First Communion certificates. If the child was NOT baptized at St. Joseph's, you must submit a copy of evidence of Baptism and First Communion with this form.

Return to Religious Education Office by WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2010
St. Joseph Catholic Church, 11007 Montgomery Rd., Beltsville, MD, 20705

**St. Joseph Catholic Church
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Sponsor Requirements**

Pursuant to the Sacramental Norms and Policies of the Archdiocese of Washington (January 1995):

1. Sponsors must be confirmed, practicing Catholics at least 16 years old.
2. To express more clearly the relationship between Baptism and Confirmation, and to make the duty and function of the Sponsor more effective, it is desirable that the Godparent at Baptism be the Sponsor at Confirmation.
3. Individual Sponsors should be obtained. One Sponsor may serve one or two Candidates.
4. According to the directives of Canons 893 and 874 ("Canon Law") neither the father nor the mother of the Candidate may be the Sponsor. (Similarly, a stepparent should not serve as Sponsor.)

St. Joseph's Parish requires completion of a *Certification of Sponsor Eligibility Form*.

Definitions of a Confirmation Sponsor – for the Candidate and Sponsor

- A Sponsor really wants to be a Sponsor.
- A Sponsor is a representative of the worldwide and local Church.
- A Sponsor is a witness to his/her own faith and to the Candidate's readiness for Confirmation.
- A Sponsor is a companion on the Candidate's journey to Heaven, meets with the Candidate regularly, and talks and listens to the Candidate.
- A Sponsor is a model for committed Catholic living – a practicing Catholic, formally registered in a parish, living a life of regular Catholic worship, especially by attending Sunday Mass and fulfilling the precepts of the Church.
- A Sponsor lives a life of Christian service to others.
- A Sponsor seeks to increase his or her own knowledge of the Catholic faith as well as that of the Candidate's.
- A Sponsor prays for and with the Candidate.

**St. Joseph Catholic Church
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Certification of Sponsor Eligibility Form**

**If the Sponsor is a St. Joseph's parishioner, only complete Part B.
If the Sponsor is NOT a St. Joseph's parishioner, fill complete Parts A & B.**

Part A *Must be completed by Sponsor's pastor and include his/her parish seal!*

This is to certify that _____ (Sponsor) is a member in good standing of this parish and is qualified to act as a sponsor for _____ (Candidate) for his/her reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Beltsville, MD.

(PARISH SEAL)

Priest: _____

Parish: _____

Address: _____

Date: _____

Part B

I have read the Sponsor Requirements and am aware of the duties and responsibilities of sponsorship and am willing and able to sponsor _____ (Candidate) for the Sacrament of Confirmation at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Beltsville, MD.

Sponsor: _____

Sponsor's St. Joseph's Envelope Number: _____

Sponsor's Relationship to Candidate: _____

Date: _____

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**St. Joseph Catholic Church
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Community Service**

All Confirmation Candidates are required to perform Community Service. Our Lord Jesus Christ calls all Christians to have compassion on those in need.

CHECKLIST FOR COMMUNITY MINISTRY SERVICE PROJECTS:

- 1) Turn in CMSP form no later than October 13, 2010 to Religious Education Office. ***If you are doing independent community service, you must ask for and receive permission before October 13, 2010.***
- 2) Receive assignment and contact adult in charge of your project (see next page) to arrange details.
- 3) Perform Community Service.
- 4) Turn in Form of Completion WITH Contact Person's signature by February 23, 2011, to Mrs. Keith.

Options for Community Service

OPTION ONE: St. Joseph's Community Ministry Service Projects

On the Community Ministry Service Projects form, indicate your first and second choices for the service projects listed on the next page. You will be contacted with the project to which you have been assigned. – **NOTE – these projects will not be assigned until October 2010.**

OPTION TWO: Independent Project

On the CMSP form, describe the independent project you plan to complete. The project should serve our neighbors in the outside community through an official organization. *You must complete at least 20 hours of service.*

Approved Independent Community Service:

- Homeless Shelter
- Assisted Living Home
- Soup Kitchen
- Tutoring and peer-tutoring through an official school or community program
- Other volunteer/service ministry done through official community programs as approved by the religious education office or school principal.

NOT APPROVED:

- Doing your chores, homework, or anything else expected of you by your family.
- Anything for which you earn money.
- Altar serving and other projects around the parish (these are great services to perform, but the focus for the CMSP is on serving the outside community).

All ideas for independent community service must be approved by the Office of Religious Education or the principal.

**St. Joseph's Community Ministry Service Projects – ASSIGNED OCTOBER 2010
(Additional projects may be added to the current list.)**

Elizabeth House – a soup kitchen (308 Gorman Avenue, Laurel)

Needed: Six to eight father and student teams
Contact: Pat McGarvey (301-434-8852)
Clarissa Maroon-Lango (301-937-6486)

There are two alternatives:

- Student will pack 40 bag lunches (peanut butter and jelly sandwich or cheese sandwich, chips, apple, water bottle, and napkin) to be delivered at Elizabeth House on the third week of the month, and help out on the second Tuesday of the month at least once. Please contact Mrs. Garvey for the schedule prior to making the sandwiches and for the schedule for helping.
- Students will help serve meals at Elizabeth House on the second Tuesday of the month (with St. Joseph parishioners) or other evenings. Preferred time: 5:45 p.m. Students should perform this activity at least six times. Mrs. Pat McGarvey must be informed of the plan.

Students are expected to perform 20 hours of community service.

Parent Responsibilities: Purchase food and materials, transportation, chaperone.

The Fr. McKenna Center – a day shelter (19 Eye St., NW, Washington, D.C.)

Needed: Three to four students and a parent per visit
Contact: Tom Howarth (202-842-1112)

Visit the center and perform the following activities:

- Help sort and distribute travel size toiletries and used men's clothing from St. Joseph's pantry.
- Assist with preparing and serving meals.

Students are expected to perform 20 hours of service at the center.

Parent Responsibilities: Coordinate with other parents for transportation and chaperoning.

Frances Fuchs Early Childhood Center – (Beltsville, MD)

Chapel Forge Early Childhood Center – (Bowie, MD)

C. Elizabeth Rieg Center – (Mitchelville, MD)

Needed: Four to six students
Contact: Mrs. Melissa Vega (Bonilla) (H) 301-586-8309; (C): 240-338-0901
(W) 301-572-0600

Visit the Center of your choice and perform the following activities:

- working with preschool/elementary aged students with developmental disabilities during sport related activities (soccer, swimming, t-ball)
- monitoring children with disabilities while parents attend Hispanic Seminar Meetings
- helping with school activities such as Halloween Night, holiday parties, and other social activities.

Students are expected to perform 20 hours of service at the center of their choice.

Parent Responsibilities: Coordinate with other parents for transportation and chaperoning.

Hillhaven Assisted Living (3210 Powder Mill Road, Adelphi)

Needed: Four to six students plus a parent per visit.

Contact: Kitty Bowles (301-937-3939 ext. 1017)
Clarissa Maroon-Lango (301-937-6486)

Visit the facility and spend at least 3 hours doing the following with the residents:

- Play games (Bingo, Scrabble, Puzzles)
- Read to the residents
- Help with the Popcorn Socials, Gourmet Group, Cooking in a Bag or movies
- Assist in the beauty salon
- Help out and participate with physical fun activities (exercise and games)
- Assist in Ladies' Nite, Men's Gathering, and/or birthday dinners (all in the evening)
- Help (with parents) in transporting residents to and from religious services

Students are expected to perform 20 hours of service at the facility.

Parent Responsibilities: Coordinate with other parents for transportation and chaperoning.

So Other Might Eat (SOME) Shoebox Gifts

Needed: Five students

Contact: Eileen Kirk (301-937-1396)

Prepare 10 shoeboxes filled with the following items:

shampoo, bar soap, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrush, socks or gloves, and hat or scarf; additional items for men – shaving cream and razors; additional items for women - cosmetics, perfume, and jewelry for women.

Students are expected to perform 20 hours of community service.

Each shoebox should be lined with gift tissue and nicely wrapped as a gift for Christmas.

To ensure that the boxes are full, you may also include wash cloths, lotion, Lifesavers, undershirts or t-shirts, lip balm and tissue.

Parents' Responsibilities: Ensure that students have the items to pack and that the shoe gift boxes are wrapped nicely, and delivered to the school before December 15, 2010.

St. Joseph's Church Pantry

Needed: Two students

Contact: Clarissa Maroon-Lango (301)-937-6486

Help in sorting donations to the pantry and in distributing food, clothing and other items to the needy on Saturday mornings.

Students are expected to perform 20 hours of community service.

Parent Responsibilities: Coordinate with other parents for transportation and chaperoning.

**Mount Carmel House – transitional and outreach services for homeless women in DC
(924 G Street NW, Washington DC)**

Contact: Rebecca Smokowicz (202) 289-6315 x. 303

There are many individual volunteer opportunities:

- Dinner Program Volunteers: Help serve dinner and clean up on Friday or Saturday evenings from 5pm-7pm.
- Walk in the Help the Homeless Walkathon: Register and join the Mount Carmel House team for the Fannie Mae “Help the Homeless Walkathon.”
- Development Intern: Work with the Fundraising Specialist to assist with grant writing and event planning.
- Front Office Volunteer: Assist the day staff and work weekday shifts in the front office, greeting and admitting residents, answering the phone, setting out lunch, and fielding resident requests (including use of the laundry or computer rooms, checking mailboxes or signing out the phone or iron).
- Workshop Leaders: Volunteer your talents and skill sets for special projects and creative workshops for the women of Mount Carmel House. Contact Ms. Smokowicz if you have ideas!

Students are expected to perform 20 hours of community service.

Parent responsibilities: Coordinate with other parents for transportation and chaperoning.

Group Service Project: Mount Carmel House Work Day

Contact: Mrs. Laura Irwin (240) 676-1534

Join Mrs. Irwin and a group of Confirmation Candidates to spend a Saturday helping with general housekeeping and grounds maintenance at Mount Carmel House.

Students are expected to perform 20 hours of community service.

Parent Responsibilities: Coordinate with Mrs. Irwin for transportation and chaperoning.

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Community Ministry Service Projects**

DUE DATE: No later than October 13, 2010

Candidate's Name: _____

School or Religious Education? _____

St Joseph's CMSP (Option 1):

CMSP Project – First Choice: _____

CMSP Project – Second Choice: _____

Independent Project (Option 2) (see previous page for details):

Project Location: _____

Contact Person at Organization: _____

Organization's Phone Number: _____

Describe Service Project – What duties will you perform? _____

All ideas for independent community service must be approved by the Office of Religious Education or the principal.

I promise to perform the activities of my assigned project by the target completion date:
February 23, 2011.

Student Signature

Parent Signature

To be completed by coordinator:

Assigned Project: _____

Notes: _____

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CMSP Completion Form

**Submit this form to Mrs. Keith in order to earn credit for community service performed.
All Service Projects must be completed by February 23, 2011.**

Candidate's Name: _____

Service Project: _____

Organization's Contact Person: _____

Phone Number: _____

Dates and Times Service Performed: _____

Signature of Contact Person: _____ **Date:** _____
(WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED WITHOUT THIS SIGNATURE)

Describe your experience during the service project. What happened? What did you learn?

I attest that the information recorded here is true and correct.

Student Signature

Parent Signature

Date

Date

**St. Joseph Catholic Church
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Saint Report**

DUE Wednesday, October 13, 2010, to Mrs. Keith.

For Confirmation, you are asked to choose a saint's name to be your own. This saint will be your patron or patroness, and you will be confirmed with his or her name. He or she will pray for you and help you as you prepare for Confirmation and throughout the rest of your Christian life. You can honor this saint through prayer and imitation.

Research the life of your saint, and then write a summary of your saint's life. Write it like you are a biographer writing the story of his or her life. Your report should include the following facts:

- When your saint lived
- Where your saint lived
- Important events in his or her life
- Why your saint is considered holy – what about his/her life is holy?
- Your saint's feast day
- Why you chose this saint – what strikes you about him or her? What do you like?

Your report should follow these guidelines:

- At least* 300 words
- The report must be in your own words – no cutting and pasting from websites
- Typed, 12 pt, plain font
- Double-spaced
- Cover page with saint's name, picture, and your name and date

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Internet resources on saints:

<http://www.catholic-forum.com/saints/indexsnt.htm>

<http://www.catholic.org/saints>

<http://www.catholic-pages.com/saints/>

<http://www.Americancatholic.org/Features/Saints/byname.asp>

<http://www.newadvent.org/cathen/index.html>