

MEMORANDUM

To: All pastors and confirmation program coordinators
From: Rev. Matthew J. Kujawinski
Date: December 14, 2020
Re.: Confirmation Packet for 2021

Greetings to you all!

Please find enclosed the complete Confirmation Packet for 2021. Please print out all pages and if you have any questions feel free to contact the Office of Worship (814-824-1271 or Worship@ErieRCD.org). Many thanks!

Please note the following important items for confirmation celebrations in 2021:

1. Group or individual photos with the Bishop will take place **only in the Church immediately following the confirmation Mass**. Please organize photos accordingly. The Bishop will visit the reception afterward but will not remain vested for formal pictures.
2. The Bishop intends to arrive at the confirmation site approximately one hour prior to the start of the Mass. Please have a private room or office designated for him to vest and prepare for Mass.
3. So that he may recognize and acknowledge them appropriately, the Bishop requests that pastors convey to him prior to the confirmation, the names of any particular parishioners, religious, or public officials in attendance whom the Bishop should greet. This information can be communicated through the Worship Office.
4. If you are planning a meal for the Bishop, please note it in the Liturgy Planning Sheet. A meal is not required. For weekday confirmations (Monday-Friday), if a dinner is held, please begin at 5:30 pm. Lunches or dinners for weekend confirmations can be scheduled individually through the Worship Office. This is to assist the Bishop with his travel plans.
5. Pastors and administrators are asked to review this packet before giving it to their confirmation coordinator. Likewise, pastors and administrators are asked to review the Liturgy Preparation Sheet for accuracy and completeness before it is submitted to the Worship Office.

Contents of the 2021 Packet:

1. Liturgy planning notes
2. Server contact information form
3. Note on recording confirmations
4. Guide for collaboration in preparing confirmations
5. Complete confirmation schedule

****This Confirmation Packet will be available online in the Office of Worship section of the diocesan website. Please refer to the online version for the most recent information. ****

CONFIRMATION 2021: Liturgy Planning Notes

- The Confirmation liturgy planning sheet is found at:
<https://www.eriecd.org/bishop/worship.html>

Please use the version of the Liturgy Sheet found at this site, as it may be updated throughout the year. Please note that, with the new Roman Missal, it is critical to specify your selected options by giving section titles and section letters as appropriate. (e.g. "For the Conferral of Confirmation, C") Page numbers are not required. **Pastors, please check the liturgy sheets before they are submitted.**

- **Mass:** The Bishop will use the text of the **Ritual Mass for Confirmation** with red vestments whenever possible. This would apply to all confirmations in 2020 except for the following days (and the anticipated Masses which precede them):
 - all Sundays of Lent
 - all Sundays of Easter
 - Annunciation of the Lord (March 25)
 - Ascension of the Lord (May 13)
 - Christ the King (November 21)
- **Readings:** The readings for the Ritual Mass should be chosen from those available for the Ritual Mass for Confirmation, (Lectionary # 764-768). During the Easter season, following the ancient custom, the first reading is taken from the Acts of the Apostles and the Gospel is taken from St. John.
- **Servers:** Parishes are asked to schedule **three to five** (five is preferred, if possible) altar servers who should be at the church **at least 30 minutes prior** to the start of Mass. If fewer than three servers are available, please let the MC or Worship Office know ahead of time. In the absence of student servers, adult servers are welcome.
- A lector (even a candidate for confirmation) carries the Book of the Gospels only in the absence of a deacon, since the ministry of proclaiming the Gospel (and carrying the Book) belongs properly to deacons.
- Using the Rite for Blessing and Sprinkling of Holy Water in place of the Penitential Rite is reserved solely to Sundays and anticipated Masses as per the instruction in the Roman Missal. The Rite of Blessing and Sprinkling of Holy Water and the *Gloria* are not to be combined.
- The *Gloria* is now required for **all** Confirmation Ritual Masses according to the Roman Missal (Roman Missal Ritual Masses #1, 4. Conferral of Confirmation).
- In planning the method by which candidates with their sponsors will approach the Bishop for the anointing with chrism, please avoid having people standing in the pew, since this blocks the view of those sitting behind them.
- The Universal Prayer is to include at least one intercession for vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

- The Bishop requires that students choose confirmation names which can be found in *Butler's Lives of the Saints*, or saints who have been named by the Church since 1900. Students should be led to choose names of saints whose lives are grounded in fact, not in legend. Please see Religious Education Policy 631.14 for a full explanation of saint-selection criteria.

- Music during confirmation should follow the 2008 guidelines established by the United States Bishops as published in *Sing to the Lord*, nos. 137-199. Of special note, during the distribution of Communion, **the music begins when the Bishop receives the Eucharist** and continues for as long as the Eucharist is being distributed (189). The U.S. Bishops recommend using Communion songs with easily memorized refrains or sung in the style of a responsorial psalm (192). If a parish wishes to have a song of praise following Communion, that song should be sung by the entire congregation, rather than by a soloist or by the choir alone (196).

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Office of Worship. Please know our gratitude for your attention to these important details.

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Server Contact Information

The Bishop sends vocation prayer cards to the servers for confirmation, and often, it is not possible to tell from the servers' names if they are male or female. Please indicate the gender of the server by circling M (male) or F (female).

Parish where confirmation was celebrated: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City & Zip: _____

Grade level: _____

Gender: M F

Name: _____

Address: _____

City & Zip: _____

Grade level: _____

Gender: M F

Name: _____

Address: _____

City & Zip: _____

Grade level: _____

Gender: M F

Name: _____

Address: _____

City & Zip: _____

Grade level: _____

Gender: M F

Name: _____

Address: _____

City & Zip: _____

Grade level: _____

Gender: M F

Name: _____

Address: _____

City & Zip: _____

Grade level: _____

Gender: M F

Please complete the above information and give this form to the Bishop at the time of confirmation or mail it to:

The Office of the Bishop
St. Mark Catholic Center
P.O. Box 10397
Erie, PA 16514-0397



429 East Grandview Boulevard
Post Office Box 10397
Erie, Pennsylvania 16514-0397
Phone 814-824-1135
FAX 814-824-1124

NOTICE

ON THE RECORDING OF THE RECEPTION OF CONFIRMATION

With the increase of combined-parish celebrations of the sacrament of confirmation, the question of how to record reception of the sacrament has become increasingly complicated.

In accord with the decree issued by Bishop Trautman on May 23, 2005 concerning the method by which confirmations are to be recorded in the Diocese of Erie, pastors should make note of the following:

1. Each pastor is to record in full the reception of the sacrament of confirmation by his own parishioners, including reference to the place of confirmation if the reception of the sacrament takes place outside of that pastor's parish church.
2. Furthermore, the pastor of the place of confirmation is to note in the confirmation register the names of all those confirmed at that place, being sure to include at least their names, the date, the name of the minister of confirmation, and the parish where the complete record can be found.
3. Each pastor should make the appropriate notation for his own parishioners in the baptismal register of his parish and should send notification of confirmation to the place of baptism for those baptized elsewhere.

Anything to the contrary notwithstanding.

December 29, 2011

The Rev. Christopher J. Singer, J.C.L.
Chancellor

Signature and seal are on file in the Chancery

2021 CONFIRMATION SCHEDULE FOR THE DIOCESE OF ERIE

(Last updated December 10, 2020)

DAY OF WEEK	DATE	TIME	LOCATION OF CONFIRMATION	PARISHES INCLUDED IN CONFIRMATION
Tuesday	March 2	7:00 pm	OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL PARISH ERIE	Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, Erie Our Lady of Mercy Parish, Harborcreek St. Boniface Parish, Erie
Thursday	March 4	7:00 pm	ST. JAMES PARISH ERIE	St. James Parish, Erie
Saturday	March 6	11:00 am	ST. TOBIAS PARISH BROCKWAY	St. Tobias, Brockway Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish, Sykesville Immaculate Conception Parish, Brookville St. Bernard Parish, Falls Creek St. Catherine of Siena Parish, DuBois Ss. Cosmas and Damian Parish, Punxsutawney St. Mary Parish, Reynoldsville St. Michael the Archangel Parish, DuBois
Sunday	March 7	1:00 pm	ST. LEO MAGNUS PARISH RIDGWAY	St. Leo Magnus Parish, Ridgway Holy Rosary Parish, Johnsonburg St. Boniface Parish, Kersey St. Joseph Parish, Force
Thursday	March 11	7:00 pm	ST. LUKE PARISH ERIE	St. Luke Parish, Erie East Side Catholic Faith Formation: Holy Rosary Parish, Holy Trinity Parish, Our Mother of Sorrows Parish, St. John the Baptist Parish, St. Patrick Parish, St. Stanislaus Parish Mount Calvary Parish, Erie St. Mark the Evangelist Parish, Erie
Thursday	March 25	7:00 pm	ST. GREGORY THAUMATURGUS PARISH NORTH EAST	St. Gregory Thaumaturgus Parish, North East
Sunday	April 11	2:00 pm	NOTRE DAME PARISH HERMITAGE	Notre Dame Parish, Hermitage St. Bartholomew Parish, Sharpsville
Tuesday	April 13	7:00 pm	ST. GEORGE PARISH ERIE	St. George Parish, Erie

Thursday	April 15	7:00 pm	ST. MICHAEL PARISH GREENVILLE	St. Michael Parish, Greenville Beloved Disciple Parish, Grove City
Saturday	April 17	5:30 pm	ST. PETER CATHEDRAL PARISH ERIE	St. Peter Cathedral Parish, Erie Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, Mercer St. John the Evangelist Parish, Girard St. Joseph Parish/Bread of Life Community
Tuesday	April 20	7:00 pm	BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH ERIE	Blessed Sacrament Parish, Erie
Thursday	April 22	7:00 pm	ST. THOMAS PARISH CORRY	St. Thomas Parish, Corry St. Teresa of Avila Parish, Union City
Saturday	April 24	11:00 am	CHRIST THE KING PARISH HOUTZDALE	Christ the King Parish, Houtzdale St. Agnes Parish, Morrisdale St. Basil the Great Parish, Coalport St. Bonaventure Parish, Grampian St. Francis of Assisi Parish, Clearfield Immaculate Conception Parish, Osceola Mills St. Mary of the Assumption Parish, Frenchville St. Timothy Parish, Curwensville
Sunday	April 25	1:00 pm	QUEEN OF THE WORLD PARISH ST. MARYS	Queen of the World Parish, St. Marys Sacred Heart Parish, St. Marys St. Mary Parish, St. Marys
Sunday	April 25	5:00 pm	ST. BERNARD OF CLAIRVAUX PARISH BRADFORD	St. Bernard of Clairvaux Parish, Bradford St. Bibiana Parish, Galetton St. Elizabeth of Hungary Parish, Smethport St. Eulalia Parish, Coudersport St. Francis of Assisi Parish, Bradford St. Gabriel the Archangel Parish, Port Allegany Holy Redeemer Parish, Warren St. Raphael Parish, Eldred
Wednesday	April 28	7:00 pm	OUR LADY OF PEACE PARISH ERIE	Our Lady of Peace Parish, Erie
Wednesday	May 5	7:00 pm	ST. JUDE THE APOSTLE PARISH ERIE	St. Jude the Apostle Parish, Erie Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish, Erie St. Andrew Parish, Erie St. Julia Parish, Erie St. Paul Parish, Erie
Thursday	May 6	7:00 pm	ST. FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH McKEAN	St. Francis Xavier Parish, McKean All Saints Parish, Waterford

				Our Lady of the Lake Parish, Edinboro
Monday	May 10	7:00 pm	ST. JOSEPH PARISH SHARON	St. Joseph Parish, Sharon Good Shepherd Parish, West Middlesex St. Anthony of Padua Parish, Sharon
Wednesday	May 12	7:00 pm	ST. AGATHA PARISH MEADVILLE	St. Agatha Parish, Meadville Our Lady, Queen of the Americas Parish, Conneaut Lake St. Anthony of Padua Parish, Cambridge Springs St. Brigid Parish, Meadville St. Hippolyte Parish, Frenchtown/Guys Mills St. Mary of Grace Parish, Meadville St. Peter Parish, Conneautville St. Philip Parish, Linesville
Friday	May 14	7:00 pm	ST. TITUS PARISH TITUSVILLE	St. Titus Parish, Titusville St. Joseph Parish, Oil City St. Michael the Archangel Parish, Emlenton St. John Parish, Tidioute St. Patrick Parish, Franklin
Tuesday	May 18	7:00 pm	ST. JOSEPH PARISH LUCINDA	St. Joseph Parish, Lucinda St. Charles Parish, New Bethlehem St. Mary Parish, Crown St. Michael Parish, Fryburg
Sunday	October 17	11:00 am	IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH CLARION	Immaculate Conception Parish, Clarion
Sunday	October 24	10:30 am	ST. MARK PARISH EMPORIUM	St. Mark Parish, Emporium
Sunday	October 24	2:00 pm	ST. CALLISTUS PARISH KANE	St. Callistus Parish, Kane