

Church of St. Joseph – Mendham, NJ
Confirmation
Session 2 – October 26/28, 2025

Agenda

1. Opening prayer
2. Welcome
3. The Sacrament of Confirmation - Sponsor & Name
4. Thanksgiving Service Project
5. Why do we help?

Remaining Dates

Service: Thanksgiving food collection November 22-23

Session 3: Sunday – February 1, 2026 – 5:00-6:30pm OR
Monday – February 2, 2026 – 7:00-8:30pm
Confirmation candidate and one parent/guardian attend

Retreat: Saturday – February 28, 2026 – 10:00am-6:00pm
Mandatory retreat for Confirmation candidates only

Session 4: Sunday – April 12, 2026 – 5:00-6:30pm OR
Monday – April 13, 2026 – 7:00-8:30pm
Confirmation candidate and one parent/guardian attend

Confirmation Mass: Monday – May 11, 2026 – 7:00pm

Faith Formation Family 9:30am Masses: December 14 (Christmas Social), February 1, March 15 (St. Joseph's Feast), May 3 at 11:30am (Year-end Social)

Middle School Chinnners: 6:00-7:30pm in the Christopher House on the church campus:
November 20, December 16, February 11, March 25, April 28

Choosing a Confirmation Name

Candidate Name: _____

Proposed Confirmation Name: _____

Pick a saint's name as your Confirmation name. This signifies a new beginning in my faith life and a connection with a particular saint who I am asking to pray for me.

Why did you choose this saint? What do you admire are about this saint?

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Please return this form by February 1

1. Drop off at the Parish House office or plastic drop box on front porch
2. Mail to Parish House attn: Confirmation, 6 New St., Mendham, NJ 07945
3. Email to Mark Tosso: tosso@stjoesmendham.org

Choosing Your Confirmation Sponsor

The word “sponsor” comes from the Latin word *spondere*, which means to “give assurance, promise solemnly.” It comes from the same root word as the word “responsible.”

A SPONSOR IS A...

Representative of the Catholic Community –The sponsor is the personal representative of the entire Church Community to the individual candidate.

Companion – A sponsor should serve as a companion or a guide for the candidate along the journey. The sponsor should be someone who can give you the support when there is hesitation, understanding in times of doubt and comfort when there is inner conflict. This person should also challenge you when your enthusiasm or interest is at a low point. This companion should be someone you can trust, turn to and talk things over with.

Mentor – A sponsor should be someone who is open to growth in one’s faith and putting into practice what that faith requires. This person should be a faith example who you look up to and would like to emulate.

Requirements:

- Must be at least 16 years old.
- Be a fully-initiated Catholic who has received the Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation.
- Be a practicing Catholic who attends Mass regularly; (Sundays and Holy Days).
- Cannot be the parent of the one to be confirmed.

Things to think about before you ask someone to be your sponsor:

- Your sponsor should be willing and able to participate in your formation for Confirmation.
- The person you choose as your sponsor should be someone that you admire and respect and who actively lives out the beliefs of our Catholic faith.
- Your sponsor should be someone that you trust and feel comfortable turning to for help, advice and guidance, especially in regard to your spiritual life.
- Your sponsor should be someone who, through his/her example, shows you what it means to be Catholic and who will take an active role in your preparation for Confirmation.
- After you receive the Sacrament of Confirmation your relationship with your sponsor does not end! You both are called to lead each other closer to God, to continue to grow in knowledge of your faith, and to challenge one another to lead lives of holiness and service.
- PRAY! Spend some time asking God for guidance on whom to choose as your sponsor.

SAMPLE SPONSOR CERTIFICATE FOR CONFIRMATION

A Confirmation Sponsor must:

Be chosen by candidate or parents and be able to carry out his/her role.

Be at least 16 years old.

Be a Catholic who has received the Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation

Be a practicing Catholic; one who attends Mass regularly (Sundays & Holy Days)

Not be the parent of the one to be confirmed.

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Part A To be filled out by Sponsor

I, _____, fulfill all of the above requirements and wish to

be the Sponsor for _____ for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Sponsor's Signature

Sponsor's Address: _____

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Part B To be filled out by Priest of Sponsor's Parish

Name of Sponsor _____

The above named person is a member of our Parish and to the best of my knowledge is a practicing Catholic who fulfills the requirements of Sponsor for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Priest's Signature

Church Name: _____

Address: _____

CHURCH
SEAL

Name: _____

GOD
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THIS WEEK!

November 1-2

My family & I attended Mass at St. Joe's: _____

We attended Mass at another parish: _____

We did not attend Mass this weekend: _____

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November 8-9

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We did not attend Mass this weekend: _____

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November 15-16

My family & I attended Mass at St. Joe's: _____

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We did not attend Mass this weekend: _____

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November 22-23

My family & I attended Mass at St. Joe's: _____

We attended Mass at another parish: _____

We did not attend Mass this weekend: _____

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November 29-30

My family & I attended Mass at St. Joe's: _____

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We did not attend Mass this weekend: _____

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December 6-7

My family & I attended Mass at St. Joe's: _____

We attended Mass at another parish: _____

We did not attend Mass this weekend: _____

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December 13-14

My family & I attended Mass at St. Joe's: _____

We attended Mass at another parish: _____

We did not attend Mass this weekend: _____

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December 20-21

My family & I attended Mass at St. Joe's: _____

We attended Mass at another parish: _____

We did not attend Mass this weekend: _____

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Christmas

My family & I attended Mass at St. Joe's: _____

We attended Mass at another parish: _____

We did not attend Mass this weekend: _____

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December 27-28

My family & I attended Mass at St. Joe's: _____

We attended Mass at another parish: _____

We did not attend Mass this weekend: _____

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January 3-4

My family & I attended Mass at St. Joe's: _____

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We did not attend Mass this weekend: _____

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January 10-11

My family & I attended Mass at St. Joe's: _____

We attended Mass at another parish: _____

We did not attend Mass this weekend: _____

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January 17-18

My family & I attended Mass at St. Joe's: _____

We attended Mass at another parish: _____

We did not attend Mass this weekend: _____

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January 24-25

My family & I attended Mass at St. Joe's: _____

We attended Mass at another parish: _____

We did not attend Mass this weekend: _____

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Jan. 31 - Feb. 1

My family & I attended Mass at St. Joe's: _____

We attended Mass at another parish: _____

We did not attend Mass this weekend: _____
