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## SAINTS PETER AND PAUL CATHOLIC

*"The Sacrament of Confirmation perfects Baptismal grace; it is the sacrament which gives the Holy Spirit in order to root us more deeply in the divine filiation, incorporate us more firmly into Christ, strengthen our bond with the Church, associate us more closely with her mission, and help us to bear witness to the Christian faith in words accompanied by deeds." (CCC 1316)*

Dear Parents/Guardians and Catholic Confirmation Students,

Prior to his ascension into heaven, Jesus told his apostles that he would send them the Holy Spirit to be their advocate and guide. The promised gift of the Holy Spirit fell on the apostles and the Virgin Mary as they prayed in the Upper Room on Pentecost. Now, you will receive this strengthening and outpouring of the Holy Spirit over you. This Sacrament will complete your Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Eucharist, Confirmation). The gifts of the Holy Spirit in each of our lives are unfathomable treasures.

What an exciting year this will be for you and your family! Your Catholic son or daughter will be making a very, important decision which will lead to the completion of his or her Sacraments of Initiation with the reception of Confirmation. Confirmation is the sacrament through which we receive the Holy Spirit to make us stronger and more perfect Christians and true witnesses of Jesus Christ. As the candidates come forward to be confirmed, they profess their faith, take on the personal responsibility for continuing their own religious journey by regularly participating in Sunday Mass by continuing their spiritual formation with the Church community, by serving others' needs, and by spreading and defending the faith in word and deed. The Confirmation Preparation team and I look forward to sharing in your child's Confirmation journey.

Registration will be online on November 11, 2020. If you cannot register online, please contact us at the Office of Christian Faith Formation by calling 410-822-6581.

Please carefully review these instructions before completing the registration form.

- Catholic young people at Saints Peter and Paul Parish are eligible for the sacrament beginning in the ninth grade and through the twelfth grade.
- Your family must be registered and active parishioners at Saints Peter and Paul Church.
- The young person must have a personal desire to complete his or her sacraments.
- The candidate must be baptized in the Catholic Church and have received the Sacraments of First Penance and First Eucharist.

- A student may need to delay to the following year if he or she was not in Religious Education Classes, either in a Catholic School or Sunday School, last year. Please notify me, immediately, if this is the case.

#### Expectations of Confirmation Candidates

- Participate in Holy Mass each week (during the time of COVID 19, the Bishop has given dispensation for Sunday Mass, though online mass may be used in replacement).
- Participate in all sessions and meetings; engaging and being respectful of all
- Participate in Christian Community Service
- Write a letter to Father Nash, requesting Baptism
- Complete all classwork, videos, or home assignments
- Participate in the retreat
- Complete a Sponsor Interview
- Select a Saint Name and write a report about your saint

Children who have not been baptized may be eligible for these sacraments through the Rite of Christian Initiation Adapted for Children and Youth. Please contact me for more details.

If you or another adult you know would like information regarding **Adult Confirmation**, please contact me at [lsteinmiller@sspeaston.org](mailto:lsteinmiller@sspeaston.org).

I look forward to partnering with you in forming your child for this most important sacrament. Feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Joyfully in Christ,

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