

# 2018 Preparation Offerings

St. John the Evangelist  
833 Main Street  
Agawam

Our Lady of the Hills  
173 Main Street  
Haydenville

St. Mark  
400 West Street  
Pittsfield



THE DIOCESE OF SPRINGFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS  
*servicing berkshire, franklin, hampden & hampshire counties*

Sessions will be held:  
Saturday mornings  
9-11 am

(Optional: Mass @ 8am and  
fellowship 8:45-9am)

Sessions will be held:  
Wednesday evenings  
from 6:30-8:30-pm

Sessions will be held:  
Monday evenings  
from 7-8:15pm

Immediate  
Preparation for  
the Sacrament  
of Confirmation  
for Adults

- February 24 (session 1)
- March 10 (session 2)
- March 24 (session 3)
- April 7 (session 4)
- April 21 (session 5)
- May 5: Retreat
- May 12 (session 6)
- May 20: Celebration of the  
Sacrament of Confirmation at  
the Cathedral

- March 7 (session 1)
- March 21 (session 2)
- April 4 (session 3)
- April 18 (session 4)
- May 2 (session 5)
- May 5: Retreat
- May 16 (session 6)
- May 20: Celebration of the  
Sacrament of Confirmation at  
the Cathedral

- February 26 (session 1)
- March 12 (session 2)
- March 26 (session 3)
- April 9 (session 4)
- April 23 (session 5)
- May 5: Retreat
- May 7 (session 6)
- May 20: Celebration of the  
Sacrament of Confirmation  
at St. Mark or the Cathedral

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## Immediate Preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation for Adults Registration

Parish \_\_\_\_\_ City/Town \_\_\_\_\_  
Name \_\_\_\_\_ Maiden Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ City/Town \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Cell \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Date and Place of Baptism \_\_\_\_\_

Location Attending: St. John, Agawam Our Lady of the Hills, Haydenville St. Mark, Pittsfield

Fee: \$20. Please make check payable to RC Bishop of Springfield and send with completed form to the Office of Faith Formation, P.O. Box 1730, Springfield, MA 01102-1730.

**Permission is granted for the above named candidate to enter the Immediate Preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation for Adults at the above selected parish.**

**Pastor's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_**

Adult Catholics (ages 18 and older) who have been baptized, received First Eucharist and are practicing their faith but have not celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation are invited to participate in an immediate preparation process. Receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation will complete your initiation into the Catholic Church and deepen your relationship with Jesus Christ.

If you would like to prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation you should first contact your home parish, who will then advise you as to the preparation process and requirements for your parish. You will need a copy of your Baptismal Certificate for this process.

Your parish may then invite you to participate in their program or to one of those listed on this brochure. The programs on this brochure include six sessions and a retreat. These sessions and retreat will offer an overview of the Catholic faith along with prayerful reflection on the reception of the sacrament. Cost to participate in these programs is \$20, which covers materials and the retreat.

## IS THIS FOR ME?

The retreat will be held on Saturday, May 5th from 9am-2pm. Location is to be determined. The retreat will offer a prayerful reflection on the Rite of Confirmation and will offer the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Upon completion of this preparation process and in consultation with your pastor, you may then receive the Sacrament of Confirmation at either your parish celebration, at another parish's celebration or at the 4pm celebration at the Cathedral of St. Michael on Sunday, May 20, 2018.

If you are directed to participate in a preparation program that is outside of your parish, your parish is still responsible for ensuring that you choose an appropriate sponsor as well as for the collection of required paperwork and appropriate documentation. Your parish will also coordinate where you will receive the sacrament.

## QUESTIONS?

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