

**ST. JOSEPH-ON-CARROLLTON MANOR CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
**CONFIRMATION MAKE UP WORK**

**Session 3 – The Saints**

(Please Return Make Up Work by the next Confirmation Class – April 6th)

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**OPENING PRAYER**

- Using your Life Teen Bible Read Hebrews 12:1

- Background History on the Scripture: Paul writes to the Hebrews to help guide them in understanding as they are early Christians. When Paul speaks of a “great cloud of witnesses” he is really speaking about the Saints. The early Christians who are in heaven surrounding us in love and prayers while we are on this earth.

-Question: How do these scripture verses help you with your understanding of the Saints?

- *Say a prayer that ask God for help in your Confirmation journey as well as focuses on the importance of the saints’ intercession in our lives. Then call upon the Holy Spirit to be with you today.*

**TEACHING NOTES**

*Read the following teaching notes on prayer.*

What is a Saint?

- There are many definitions of what a saint is but if you keep it simple a saint is...
  - A person in heaven
  - A person who always put God before themselves
- Saints are our role models
- Saints were not perfect people. Saints were sinners.
- Saints never gave up. Every day they strived to grow closer to God.

How can Saints help us today? Why is it important that I choose a Saint for Confirmation?

- Do not take the process of selecting a saint for confirmation lightly
- You should choose a saint that has the values & attributes that you can identify with or the qualities you want to have one day
- There is a patron saint for just about anything & everything.
- The choice you make for your Confirmation isn’t just for your Confirmation but is a saint you choose for life. Choose wisely.

We are ALL called to be Saints!

- We can look at the saints and think they are too holy! I can’t become a saint!
- Through your baptism we became a part of the Church, the body of Christ, because of this we are all called to be saints. Every person in has a universal call to holiness.
- It is possible to be a saint but we need the guidance of the Church’s teachings as well as the community of the Church to help us along the way.
- Together through Christ’s death and resurrection we all have a chance to be among the communion of Saints in Heaven

What did you learn from the teaching notes?

### **YOUCAT**

*Read Paragraph #146 – What does the “Communion of Saints” mean?*

*Be reminded that the YouCat is a tool for you to use at all times when you have questions of faith.*

Question: What is something you learned/can take away from the paragraphs you read on Prayer?

### **SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS**

Work on your saint paper & have it ready to turn in on April 6<sup>th</sup>!

Lost your paperwork?

[www.stjoesbuckeyestown.org/confirmation14](http://www.stjoesbuckeyestown.org/confirmation14)

Then click on “Saint Report Form”

### **GIFT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT – Wisdom & Understanding**

*Each Confirmation Session we will discuss one of the Gifts of the Holy Spirit.*

*In this session we talked about the Gifts of Wisdom & Understanding.*

Pray “The Come Holy Spirit Prayer”

(by the end of your Confirmation Preparation I hope you know this prayer by heart)

*Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created. And You shall renew the face of the earth.*

*O, God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit, did instruct the hearts of the faithful, grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may be truly wise and ever enjoy His consolations, Through Christ Our Lord, Amen.*

## Wisdom

Wisdom, as a gift of the Holy Spirit, is communicated to the person in order to aid the mind and spirit in penetrating divine truths and the heart in relishing and loving only the things of heaven. Wisdom assists faith to comprehend the mysteries of God and helps our knowledge to see the transcendent within the whole of God's creation. As a gift of the Holy Spirit and, thus a gift of sanctifying and justifying grace, wisdom takes our good human inclinations and virtues and brings them into a more perfect Christian and moral realm. Through wisdom, we judge the things of the world in light of the highest end of man — the contemplation of God.



The symbol for Wisdom is an owl. An owl has always been associated as being wise. When we see an owl we are reminded of this animal as wise among all the animals. Wisdom is very different than being smart. As the gift of wisdom allows us the ability to see the word through God's eyes.

How do you see being able to use the Gift of the Holy Spirit - Wisdom in your life?

## Understanding

Understanding, like wisdom, assists us in penetrating the mysteries of our faith but it differs from wisdom in that it helps us comprehend the very core of revealed truths so that we may have certitude about them. Such certitude moves beyond faith and so this gift of the Holy Spirit blesses us with a holy confidence in God's love and truth that he has revealed in His Son, Jesus. Illuminating the mind to truth, The Holy Spirit aids a person to grasp truths of faith easily and intimately, and to delve into the depths of those truths. This gift not only assists in penetrating divinely revealed truths, but also natural truths in so far as they are related to the supernatural end of all things, God. Thus, the Holy Spirit, as the very generosity of God, helps the individual to come to understand the deeper questions and answers of what it is to be human, what it is to believe, to be a child of God and to be a disciple of Jesus Christ.



The symbol for understand is a light bulb. A light bulb has always been associated as having an idea or having an epiphany. The gift of understanding helps us to "get it." We sometimes can get bogged down with understanding why we are here on this earth or what our lives are about. With the gift understand the Holy Spirit helps us to get a peak of God's plan. It gives us peace knowing that all we need to do is trust God.

How do you see being able to use the Gift of the Holy Spirit - Understanding in your life?

## **CLOSING PRAYER**

*Each time we gather for Confirmation Class you will be introduced to a different way of praying.*

This time the class prayed the litany of the saints by singing them together. This same prayer will be sung during the Confirmation Mass. This is a special prayer the Church has for asking for the saints intercession in our very lives. Ask one of your parents (if not your whole family) to pray this together. You may read the first part and then ask

Lord, have mercy on us.

Christ, have mercy on us.

Lord, have mercy on us.

Christ, hear us.

God, the Father of heaven,

God the Son, Redeemer of the world,

God the Holy Spirit,

Holy Trinity, one God,

Holy Mother of God,

All you Holy Angels and Archangels,

St. John the Baptist,

St. Joseph,

St. Peter,

St. Paul,

St. Andrew,

St. James,

St. John,

St. Thomas,

St. James,

St. Philip,

St. Bartholomew,

St. Matthew,

St. Simon,

St. Jude,

St. Matthias,

St. Barnabas,

St. Luke,

St. Mark,

St. Stephen,

St. Vincent,

St. Ambrose,

St. Augustine,

St. Jerome,

St. Nicholas,

St. Anthony,

St. Mary Magdalene,

St. Francis,

St. Lucy,

St. Agnes,

St. Cecilia,

St. Clare,

All you holy Saints of God,

*Lord, have mercy on us.*

*Christ, have mercy on us.*

*Lord, have mercy on us.*

*Christ, graciously hear us.*

*have mercy on us.*

*have mercy on us.*

*have mercy on us.*

*have mercy on us.*

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Answer the following Question:

How has this closing prayer let you see prayer in a new way?

### **REMINDERS**

- Get **UPDATED Confirmation Calendar** at [www.stjoesbuckeystown.org/confirmation14](http://www.stjoesbuckeystown.org/confirmation14) then click on "Confirmation Calendar 2014"
  
- Have you already started doing **Service** in the parish or community?  
If Yes, have you turned in service paper(s) to Ashley?  
Remember: Once you complete hours get service papers in ASAP.  
[www.stjoesbuckeystown.org/confirmation14](http://www.stjoesbuckeystown.org/confirmation14)  
Then click on "Service Hours Form"
  
- Have you turned in your **Sponsor Form** to Ashley? It was due at the 1<sup>st</sup> Confirmation Class  
Did you misplace the Sponsor Form?  
Go to [www.stjoesbuckeystown.org/confirmation14](http://www.stjoesbuckeystown.org/confirmation14) then  
Click on "Sponsor Contact Information Form"
  
- Have you attended a **Pilgrimage** yet?  
Go to <http://www.stjoesbuckeystown.org/pilgrimage> to see the 3 pilgrimage options that are left.  
Next one is Saturday, April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2014 – Updated information can be found on the website
  
- Have you turned in your **Confirmation Retreat** Permission Slip?  
Please return by next class April 6th  
Go to <http://www.stjoesbuckeystown.org/confirmation14>  
Then click on "Confirmation Retreat Permission Slip 2014"