



# St. Anthony of Padua Church

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# The Rite of Confirmation

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### Mass Schedule

Sunday: 7:15 AM, 9:15 AM, & 11:15 AM

Holy Days: 10:00 AM & 7:30 PM

Saturday Mass: 6:00 PM / First Friday: 6:00 PM

### Confession

Confessions are heard prior to every Mass.

### Other Sacraments, Sick Calls, & Pastoral Visits

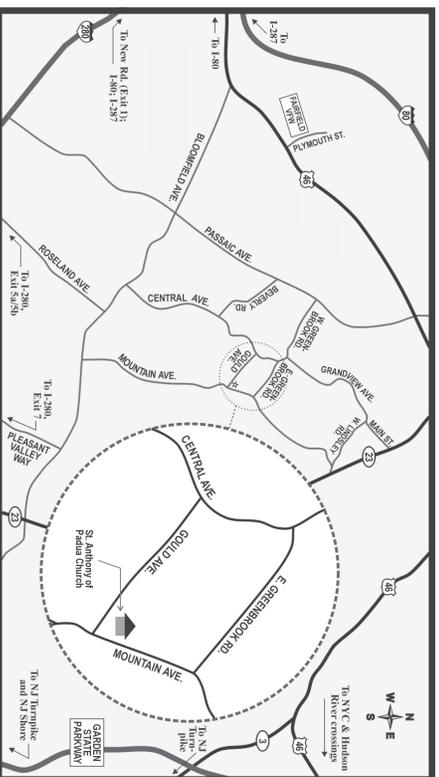
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Map of St. Anthony of Padua Church  
(Intersection of Gould Ave. and Mountain Ave.)



"Now, when the apostles, who were in Jerusalem, had heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent unto them Peter and John. Who, when they were come, prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Ghost. For he was not as yet come upon any of them: but they were only baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid their hands upon them: and they received the Holy Ghost."

Acts 8:14-17

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## Confirmation Is a Sacrament

A sacrament is an outward or sensible sign instituted by Jesus Christ to signify Grace and confer it on our soul. These three requirements for a sacrament are found in the rite of Confirmation:

1. The bishop, the ordinary minister of Confirmation, stretching out his hands over those that are to be confirmed, prays for them all in general, that the Holy Ghost may come down upon them with His sevenfold graces.
2. Coming to each one in particular he lays his hand upon him;
3. and at the same time anoints his forehead with holy Chrism in the form of the cross, saying these words: *I sign thee with the sign of the cross, I confirm thee with the chrism of salvation, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.*

The imposition of hands represents the communication of the Holy Ghost to the soul, and the anointing the forehead with Holy Chrism represents the nature and plenitude of grace received by the internal unction of the Holy Ghost.

The Chrism is a sacred ointment composed of *oil of olives*, and *balm of Gilead*; solemnly blessed by the bishop on Holy Thursday. The oil represents the fullness of grace received; both because, as oil, when dropped upon anything spreads itself upon it, and insinuates itself into all its parts, so the grace of this sacrament penetrates into the soul, and diffuses itself through all her powers; and also, because oil being a smooth mild substance, represents that spirit of mildness and patience under the cross, which is one principal effect of confirmation. At the same time, as the balm has the particular property of preserving bodies, after death, from putrefaction, it fitly represents the fortifying grace received in confirmation, by which our souls are preserved from the corruption of sin, after our sins have been destroyed by the sacrament of baptism.

*Confirm* means to strengthen or fortify. The Holy Ghost strengthens all of the parts of our soul with His grace and gifts.

## Ceremonies of Confirmation

### Anointing of the Forehead

The forehead of the person confirmed is anointed with sacred Chrism: for by this sacrament the Holy Ghost infuses Himself into the souls of the faithful, and increases in them strength and fortitude to enable them in the spiritual contest to fight manfully and resist their most wicked foes.

Why the forehead? Two reasons: Firstly, because he is signed with the sign of the cross as a soldier with the sign of his leader; which should be evident and manifest. The forehead, which is rarely covered, is the most conspicuous part of the human body. Wherefore the confirmed is anointed with chrism on the forehead that he may show publicly that he is a Christian. Secondly, because man is hindered from freely confessing Christ's name by two things, fear and shame. Both of these things betray themselves principally on the forehead: hence those who are ashamed blush, and those who are afraid pale. And therefore is man signed with chrism that neither fear nor shame may hinder him from confessing the name of Christ.

### The Sign of the Cross

This mark distinguishes the Christian from all others.

### The Slap on the Cheek

The person when anointed receives a slap on the cheek from the hand of the bishop to make him recollect that as a valiant combatant, he should be prepared to endure with unconquered spirit all adversities for the name of Christ.

### The Pax

Lastly, the peace is given him, that he may understand that he has attained the fullness of divine grace and that peace which surpasses all understanding.

### A Sponsor is Required

This sacrament is given to man for strength in the spiritual combat. Just as one who is newly born needs someone to teach him things pertaining to ordinary conduct; so they who are chosen for the fight need instructors by whom they are informed of things concerning the conduct of the battle, and hence in earthly wars generals and captains are appointed to the command of the others. For this reason he also who receives this sacrament, has someone to stand for him, who has to instruct him concerning the fight.

Likewise, since this sacrament bestows on one the perfection of spiritual age, therefore he who approaches this sacrament is upheld by another as being spiritually a weakling and a child.

## 2007 Confirmandi

Name	Confirmation Name	Sponsor
Jennifer Brown	Teresa	Josephine McDonald
Anthony Michael Cerqua	Joseph	Michael Mannion
Gabriella Maria Cerqua	Philomena	Gilda Cavallo
Daniel Washburn Dehle	Thomas	Dylan McDonald
Daniel Stuart Freedman	Benedict	Alfred J. Birchler
Catherine Clare Godlewsky	Veronica	Josephine McDonald
Phyllis Diane Kiernan	Theresa	Marie Marcopolus
Victoria Elizabeth Kiernan	Christina	Rachel Wunder
Jonathan Mark Laqui	Tarcisius	Arturo Valdes
Joseph Matthew Marcopolus	Sebastian	Francis Conklin
Elizabeth Anne Marie McDonald	Bernadette	JoAnne Godlewsky
Jeanette Marie McDonald	Margaret of Scotland	Joyce Burgamo
Patrick Walter Mooney	Benedict	Donald Ludwig
Paul Edward Sorge	Joseph	Robert DiCecco
Stefania Marie Swider	Kateri	Linda Ugi
Mary Ellen Wunder	Rose	Mary Bellarosa
Nicholas Joseph Wunder	Michael	Dylan McDonald

# The Rite of CONFIRMATION

## Hymn *Veni Creator*

*All kneel for the first stanza*

Veni Creator Spiritus,  
Mentes tuorum visita,  
Imple superna grátia,  
Quae tu creásti pectora.

Come, Holy Ghost, Creator, come  
From Thy bright heavenly throne,  
Come, take possession of our souls,  
And make them all Thy own.

Qui diceris Paraclitus,  
Altíssimi donum Dei,  
Fons vivus, ignis, caritas,  
Et spiritalis unctio.

Thou who art called the Paraclete,  
Best gift of God above,  
The living spring, the living fire,  
Sweet unction and true love.

Tu septiformis munere,  
Dígitus paternae dexterae,  
Tu rite promíssum Patris,  
Sermóne dians guttura.

Thou who art sevenfold in Thy grace,  
Finger of God's right hand;  
His promise, teaching little ones  
To speak and understand.

Accende lumen sensibus:  
Infunde amorém còrdibus:  
Infirma nostri corporis  
Virtúte firmans perpèti.

O guide our minds with Thy blest light,  
With love our hearts inflame;  
And with Thy strength which ne'er decays,  
Confirm our mortal frame.

Hostem repellas longius,  
Pacemque dones prótinus:  
Ducóre sic to praevio,  
Vitæm omne nóxium.

Far from us drive our deadly foe;  
True peace unto us bring;  
And through all perils lead us safe  
Beneath Thy sacred wing.

Per te sciámus da Patrem,  
Noscámus atque Fílium;  
Teque utriúsque Spíritum  
Credámus omni témpore.

Through Thee may we the Father know,  
Through Thee the eternal Son,  
And Thee the Spirit of Them both,  
Thrice-blessed Three in One.

Deo Patri sit glória,  
Et Fílio, qui a mórtuis  
Surrexit, ac Paráclito,  
In saeculorum saecula.

All glory to the Father be,  
With his co-equal Son  
The same to Thee, great Paraclete,  
While endless ages run. Amen.

Deus, qui Apóstolis tuis Sanctum  
dedísti Spíritum, et per eos eorúmque  
successóres, céteris fidélibus  
tradéndum esse voluísti; respice  
propítius ad humilitátes nostrae  
famulátum, et praesta: ut eórum corda  
quorum frontes sacro chrismate  
delinívimus, et signo sanctae Crucis  
signávimus, idem Spíritus Sanctus in  
eis supervéniens, templum glóriæ suae  
dignáter inhabitándo perficiat. Qui  
cum Patre, et eódem Spíritu Sancto  
vivis et regnas, Deus, in saecula  
saeculórum.

R̄ Amen.

O God who didst give the Holy Ghost  
to Thy Apostles and didst will that  
through them and through those who  
should come after them, He should be  
given to the rest of the faithful: look  
favorably upon this humble fulfill-  
ment of our office, and grant that the  
same Holy Ghost, coming into the  
hearts of those whose foreheads we  
have marked with Sacred Christm and  
signed with the sign of the holy Cross,  
may dwell therein, and make of them  
a living temple of His glory. Who with  
the Father and the same Holy Ghost  
lives and reigns, God, for ever.

R̄ Amen.

*Then, still facing the altar, he says:*

Ecce sic benedicétur omnis homo qui  
timet Dóminum.

Thus shall every man be blessed who  
fears the Lord.

*Turning towards the persons confirmed, he makes the sign of the cross over  
them, once, saying:*

Bene-✠dicat vos Dóminus ex Sion,  
ut videátis bona Jerúsalem ómnibus  
diébus vitæ vestrae, et habeátis vitam  
aeternam.

May the Lord bless ✠ you from Sion,  
so that all the days of your earthly life  
you may keep before your eyes the  
treasures of the heavenly Jerusalem  
and may have eternal life.

R̄ Amen.

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*The Bishop then sits, resumes the mire and exhorts the sponsors that they  
instruct the confirmandi in the good morals, that they flee from evil and do  
good, and that they teach them the Creed, the Pater, and the Ave. The Holy  
Mass follows or the service may close with Benediction.*

*The Bishop, vested in white stole and cope, and mitre of cloth of gold, will be seated on the faldstool while he addresses the candidates for Confirmation.*  
*The Bishop washes his hands, then the mitre is removed and the Bishop stands, with joined hands, facing the candidates who kneel with their hands joined while he says or sings:*

✠ Spiritus Sanctus supervénia in vos  
et virtus Altissimi custódiat vos a  
peccátiis.

✠ May the Holy Ghost come down  
upon you, and may the power of the  
Most High God keep you free from  
every sin.

R Amen.

R Amen.

✠ Adiutorium nostrum in nómine  
Dómini.

✠ Our help is in the name of the  
Lord.

R Qui fecit caelum et terram.

R Who made heaven and earth.

✠ Dómine, exáudi orationem meam.

✠ Lord, hear my prayer.

R Et clamor meus ad te véniat.

R And let my cry come to Thee.

✠ Dóminus vobiscum.

✠ The Lord be with you.

R Et cum spiritu tuo.

R And with thy spirit.

*Then, stretching out his hands towards those to be confirmed, he says or sings:*

Orémus.

Let us pray.

Omnipotens sempitérne Deus, qui  
regeneráre dignátus es hos fámulos  
tuos ex aqua et Spiritu Sancto, quique  
dedisti eis remissionem ómnium  
peccatórum: emitte in eos  
sepiúformem Spiritum tuum Sanctum  
Paráclitum de caelis.

Almighty, everlasting God, who hast  
given new life through water and the  
Holy Ghost to these Thy servants, and  
granted them forgiveness of all their  
sins, send down upon them from  
heaven Thy Holy Spirit the Paraclete  
with his sevenfold gifts.

R Amen.

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✠ Spiritum sapientiæ et intellectus.

✠ The Spirit of wisdom and of  
understanding.

R Amen.

R Amen.

✠ Spiritum consilii et fortitúdinis.

✠ The Spirit of counsel and of  
fortitude.

R Amen.

R Amen.

✠ Spiritum scientiæ et pietátis.

✠ The Spirit of knowledge and of piety.

R Amen.

R Amen.

Adimple eos Spíritu timóris tui,  
consigna eos signo Cru-✠-cis Christi  
in vitam propitíam ætéram. Per  
eúndem Dóminum nostrum Jesum  
Christum Filium tuum: Qui tecum  
vivit et regnat in unitáte ejúsdem  
Spíritus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia  
saecula saeculórum.

Fill them with the Spirit of reverent  
fear of Thyself and in Thy goodness  
mark them out for eternal life with the  
sign of the Cross ✠ of Christ. Through  
the same Jesus Christ Thy Son our  
Lord, who liveth with Thee in the  
unity of the same Holy Ghost, God for  
ever.

R Amen.

R Amen.

*The Bishop sits down and the mitre is put on. A linen veil is spread over his lap and fastened, and the sacred chrism is brought to him.*

*The candidates now come forward, hands ungloried, each having a card on which his or her name is written, to be handed to the assistant on the Bishop's right. Each kneels in turn before the Bishop and the sponsor lays his or her right hand, ungloried, on the candidate's right shoulder. The Bishop, having dipped the thumb of his right hand in the chrism, makes the sign of the cross with it, once on the forehead of each one, his hand laid on the head, saying:*

N. Signo te signo Cru-✠-cis, et  
confirmo te chrismate salutis. In  
nómine Patris, ✠ et Filii, ✠ et  
Spíritus ✠ Sancti.

N. I sign thee with the sign of the  
Cross ✠ and I confirm thee with the  
Chrism of salvation. In the name of  
the Father, ✠ and of the Son ✠ and of  
the Holy ✠ Ghost.

R Amen.

R Amen.

*While these last words are said he makes the sign of the cross three times over the candidate and then strikes him lightly on the left cheek, saying:*

Pax tecum.

Peace be with you.

*The candidate moves away and the chrism is removed by a priest with a piece of cotton wool.*

*When all have been confirmed the Bishop washes his hands while the following antiphon is said or sung:*

Confirma hoc, Deus, quod operátus es  
in nobis, a templo sancto tuo, quod est  
in Jérusalem.

Confirm, O God, what Thou hast  
wrought in us, from Thy holy temple  
in Jerusalem.

✠ Glória Patri, et Filio, et Spíritui  
Sancto.

✠ Glory be to the Father, and to the  
Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

R Sicut erat in principio, et nunc, et  
semper, et in saecula saeculórum.  
Amen.

R As it was in the beginning, is now,  
and ever shall be, world without end.  
Amen.

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wrought in us, from Thy holy temple  
in Jerusalem.

*After this the mitre is removed and the Bishop rises, turns towards the altar, and, with joined hands, says or sings:*

✠ Osténde nobis, Dómine,  
misericórdiam tuam.

✠ Show us, O Lord, Thy mercy.

R Et salutare tuum da nobis.

R And grant us Thy salvation.

✠ Dómine, exáudi orationem meam.

✠ Lord, hear my prayer.

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R And let my cry come to Thee.

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