

**Membership at
All Saints Episcopal Church
Parma, Ohio**

How do I become a member of All Saints Church?

In the Episcopal Church you can become a member of a parish by expressing your desire to join and then being welcomed informally by the congregation.

You may also join through:

Baptism

Letter of Transfer OR

Confirmation or Reception

What does it mean to be welcomed informally by the congregation?

About four times a year we observe a liturgy of welcome during both Sunday morning Eucharists. At that time newcomers who have expressed an interest in becoming members of the parish are introduced and welcomed by those present.

Who is a member of All Saints Church?

All who have received the sacrament of Holy Baptism by water and the Holy Spirit in the Name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, whether in the Episcopal Church or another Christian church, and whose baptism has been recorded in the parish records of All Saints Church are members. Members are considered active when they attend worship regularly and make contributions of both their finances and their time and energy for the good of the parish and for the work of the Church in the world.

Who may be Baptized at All Saints?

Holy Baptism is the sacrament of initiation into Christ's church, whatever the denomination. Anyone, regardless of age, who has not already been baptized, is invited. Instruction precedes baptism for adults, and for the parents and godparents of children to be presented. Click this [link](#) for more details about Holy Baptism at All Saints.

What is a Letter of Transfer?

If you have been a member of another Episcopal Church previously, ask the rector to write that parish asking for a Letter of Transfer. Your membership at the former parish will be discontinued as you join All Saints. Letters of Transfer can only be requested from other Episcopal churches.

What does it mean to be Confirmed?

The Bishop of the Diocese of Ohio or one of his Assisting Bishops visits the parishes and Confirms or Receives those who have prepared through classes with the rector on topics related to the polity and practice of the Episcopal Church. These classes usually begin several months before the Bishop's next visit and meet regularly for several sessions. Confirmation is the acceptance of the vows made in baptism. If you have previously been **Confirmed** in another Christian church, you may be **Received** into the Episcopal Church by the Bishop. Click this [link](#) for more information about Confirmation and Reception.

Is Confirmation required for membership?

No, Confirmation is not required but it is recommended that adults who have not been members of an Episcopal church previously participate in instruction and in Confirmation at the next opportunity, in order to increase their understanding of the faith and worship of the Episcopal Church.

How can I get some of my questions answered in person?

On the first Sunday of each month the rector is available after worship to speak with those interested in joining the parish and to answer their questions.