



Participant Instructions and Information:

The 2018 Baltimore St. Patrick's Day Parade is scheduled for **Sunday, March 11, 2018**. The parade will begin at 2:00 p.m. at the Washington Monument, and proceed down Charles Street, ending at Market Place (see attached parade route). Parade participants need to **arrive between 1:00 p.m. and 1:30 p.m.** Group leaders should check in at the Parade Registration Tent, located at the Washington Monument. Please let the folks at the check-in table know that you are with the Archdiocese of Baltimore School Students. They will direct you to our staging area, which is **Area 4** (see attached Assembly Area map).

A few things to note for this year's parade:

- It is rain or shine. The Parade will not be cancelled due to weather.
- The clocks move ahead one hour on Sunday (Daylight Savings Time)!
- School signs and banners are encouraged.
- The official **Parade Mass is at 10:45 a.m.** at the Basilica, for those wishing to get an earlier start to the day.
- As always, chaperones and/or parents are responsible for the students in their school's delegation. This includes ensuring that children are returned safely at the end of the parade.
- Parents/teachers/administrators are welcome to walk with students during the parade.
- Parade participants should wear their school uniform, school spirit gear, or school club attire.
- Green accessories (necklaces, hats, etc.) are encouraged.
- There is street and garage parking available. Carpooling is recommended.
- Please be aware that the Shamrock 5K Race takes place at 1:15pm immediately before the Parade. We recommend getting downtown before the start of the Race to get the best parking spot.

Visit the official parade website www.irishparade.net for parking information

****Should you need to reach Lauren Robinson, Director of Marketing for the Archdiocese, on the day of the parade, please call (443) 739-7876.**