

Mary Mother of God Religious Education First Reconciliation & First Eucharist Information

December 4, 2018

First Reconciliation

The Sacrament of First Reconciliation for **all second grade students** will be administered at **7:00pm** on **Tuesday, January 15, 2019** in the Church. Students should meet their catechist teachers in the gathering space (vestibule) **no later than 6:45pm. A parent is required to remain with them in the Church** until their confession is heard. Once they complete their penance, they will proceed to Schellberg Hall to pin their reconciliation heart on the *"I give my heart to Jesus"* banner after which they are dismissed.

The Church and gathering space will remain a place of silence and prayer as they wait their turn for confession as confessions will be heard in the rear Sacristy and Deacon's room and/or Flex room as well as the confessional. Younger siblings are encouraged to wait in Schellberg Hall with a family member or the volunteer babysitters. If you desire to take advantage of the babysitting, please email us at dre@marymotherofgod.org by January 10, 2019. Include the child's name and age, the name of the parent in attendance in the church, parent's cell number and any medical issues we should be aware of.

Rehearsal for First Reconciliation will take place during individual classes prior to January 15th.

First Eucharist

The First Eucharist Masses will be on **Saturday, May 11, 2019**, at **11:00am** and **1:30pm**.

Mrs. Jawidzick and Mrs. Gubitosa's Thursday classes and Mrs. Machala's Wednesday class will be at 11:00am.

These classes are to report to the classroom area no later than 10:30am.

Mrs. Ruffa and Mrs. Iannuccilli's Tuesday classes, Mrs. Ally's Wednesday and the RCIA Monday night children's group candidates will be at 1:30pm.

These classes are to report to the classroom area no later than 1:00pm.

First Eucharist Practice Schedule:

The 11:00am group will practice on:

Monday	May 6	4:30pm to 5:45 pm
Tuesday	May 7	4:30pm to 5:45 pm

The 1:30pm group will practice on:

Wednesday	May 8	4:30pm to 5:45pm
Thursday	May 9	4:30pm to 5:45pm

Attire for First Eucharist:

Boys: **Navy Blue or Black Suit or Navy Blue or Black Blazer with gray pants, white shirt, white tie, appropriate socks and dress shoes, NO SNEAKERS, NO BOUTONNIERES, NO ARMBANDS.**

Girls: **White dress, white veil or head piece, white stockings or socks, white shoes, NO GLOVES, NO CORSAGES.**

Altar Cloth:

We will be making two altar cloths with the children to be placed on the altar the day of First Eucharist. The altar cloth will consist of **12 inch x 12 inch white squares** made by each child on which they draw, paint, glue what and who they are praying for on the day of their First Eucharist.

We ask you to get a white cotton cloth and cut it to EXACTLY 12" x 12". It can be a white cotton napkin, or a cut piece of sheet or any white cotton cloth. Next please help your child to decorate it with what they are praying for. Examples are peace, grandparents, sick friend or relative, pet, family, what ever they would like. It should be their work. Leave a **1 inch border on all sides** of your square cloth as they will be sewn together and we don't want the art work chopped off. About 1 inch from the bottom, have them **sign** their **first name** and **last initial**.

The completed cloths are due to your child's teacher after Christmas break but no later than **February 26, 27 or 28** as we need the time to have them sewn together to make the altar cloths.

First Eucharist Banners: We will be making family banners that will be hung in the Church on the day of First Eucharist. The banner kits are supplied by us and will be sent home with your child in late January. **The banners should be completed after the altar cloth squares.** The catechists will advise you when the completed banners are due. Please note, placement of the banners at the Mass on the end of pews is random and does not indicate family seating.

Video DVD: You may order a DVD of the First Eucharist Mass. Please use attached form. **NO PRIVATE PICTURE TAKING OR VIDEO RECORDING IS PERMITTED IN THE CHURCH DURING MASS.** DVDs are typically ready in early July. Availability will be announced in the Church Bulletin and on the Parish website after which you may pick up your DVD in the Church gathering space during the summer.

May Crowning: The Altar Rosary Society of Mary, Mother of God has a tradition of crowning the Blessed Mother during May and invites the First Eucharist children to participate in the crowning of the Blessed Mother. See the parish bulletin and parish website for the date and time of the May Crowning Mass. Children who participate are asked to wear their First Eucharist attire and process in together and sit together.

Altar Servers: We would like to have any altar servers who have a sibling receiving First Eucharist assist at Mass. Email Deacon Chris to sign up.

Form for Babysitting for First Reconciliation/Penance

If you need sibling babysitting for First Penance:

Your Name _____

Child's Name _____ Age _____

Any Allergies? _____

Cell Phone _____

Please return this form to your child's catechist *NO LATER THAN JANUARY 12th or via email to Deacon Chris (dre@marymotherofgod.org)* so that we can arrange an adequate number of babysitters.

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First Eucharist DVD Order Form.

First Eucharist DVD's will be in approx. two months after the First Eucharist Mass. Watch for a bulletin announcement. DVDs labeled with your name will be placed on the table in the Church gathering space for pick-up.

Cost for each DVD is \$30

Please return form by May 16, 2019

(Checks payable to "Mary Mother of God" with this order form)

Parent's Name _____

Student's Name _____

Student's Catechist _____

Date of First Eucharist Mass – May 11, 2019

Time (11am) _____ **(1:30pm)** _____

Phone # _____

Number of DVD's requested _____

Amount Enclosed _____

Check # _____