



Cluster Parishes of Portsmouth & Chesapeake

First Reconciliation & First Eucharist (Holy Communion) Information

Dear Parents,

We are looking forward to working with you during this very important and exciting year! This letter is to provide you with registration information and important dates for our First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion preparation program. Our calendar and registration forms are available in person at the Church office or online at clusterparishes.com.

Registration forms: There are two forms that must be completed by all families:

- Sacraments of Reconciliation & Eucharist Registration Form
- Children's Formation Registration Form

Baptism certificate: We need a copy of your child's Baptism certificate, dated no longer than 9 months ago, if they were not baptized here at the Cluster Parishes. You will need to contact the church of Baptism and ask for an "Baptism certificate with notations." Please submit this with the Reconciliation & Eucharist Registration Form.

The Diocese of Richmond supports family catechesis as an important part of a child's sacramental preparation. The curriculum we use at the Cluster Parishes is *Blessed*, by Dynamic Catholic. Workbooks will be handed out at the Parent Meeting and again at the First Reconciliation Retreat.

Some prayers you may want to start practicing with your child now are: Our Father, Hail Mary, Act of Contrition, the Catholic 10 Commandments.

Please make sure that you put the following dates on your calendar so there will be no delay in the reception of these sacraments. **The dates are mandatory and there will be no makeup sessions.**

September 30, 2025 - First Communion Parent Meeting, 6:00-7:15 pm, Church of the Resurrection

January 31, 2026 - First Reconciliation Retreat, 9:00 - 11:00 am, Church of the Resurrection

February 7, 2026 - Celebration of First Reconciliation, 10:00 am, Church of the Resurrection

March 14, 2026 - First Communion Retreat, 9:00 am - 12:00 noon, Church of the Resurrection

May 9, 2026 - Celebration of First Communion: St. Paul Catholic Church 4:00 pm; Church of the Resurrection 5:30 pm

May 10, 2026 - Celebration of First Communion: St. Mary 9:00 am; Church of the Holy Angels 11:00 am (English); 1:00 pm (Spanish)

Please reach out to me with any questions or concerns you may have. We are here to support you and journey with you toward each child's first experience of the graces of Reconciliation and Holy Communion with our Lord. I look forward to working with you all during this special year.

Blessings,
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