



# Mt. Hope Catholic Community

## Saint Francis of Assisi / Saint Dominic

September 2, 2020

Thank you so much for your patience as we have tried to find the safest way for your child to receive their First Holy Communion.

Rather than wait another year, we have decided on the following:

During the month of October 2020, we will have 6 students (at a time) make their first communion at the 11 a.m. mass. beginning with October 4th and ending with the last mass on October 25th. This way the children will make their first holy communion and complete last year's sacramental program. To be fair, the children names were chosen randomly. See separate sheet for name & mass schedule.

**Each child will have a row and may invite 3 other guests.** As you know, due to limitation regarding the number of people who can be in the church, people must call the rectory to reserve their space. ***You do not need to contact the rectory because the seating has been reserved for each child and their guests.***

**All children and guests will be required to wear masks.** They will remove the mask when they go to receive and put the mask back on when they have put the host in them mouth. Then they will return to their seat.

Although during classes we rehearsal with the children on how to receive communion, a lot of time has passed. Attach to this email are 2 short videos for you review with your child and help them understand what is expected. We hope 2 very short videos will be good refresher for them. Please review the videos with them. We suggest you have them watch videos more than once, particularly on the day before they received.

*We asked the boys wear their Sunday best clothes and girls wear white dresses, (if they have one) or some dress if they do not have white one.* We also kindly asked, the children have nothing in their hands such as gloves, pocketbooks, rosary beads or prayer book.

**Pictures can only be taken from your seat.** *No one may approach the altar or stand on the sides to take pictures or videos.*

We know this is certainly not how we traditionally have our First Communion Celebration and we very much appreciate your flexibility as we try to keep everyone as safe as possible.

*If your child or anyone in your family is sick on the appointed Sunday, please contact me and do not go to church. If you have any questions please contact me at my home email [fontfam005@comcast](mailto:fontfam005@comcast). My home telephone 508-6760-7942.*

*Finally, the most important thing to remember, no matter the circumstance, this will be a wonderful and blessed moment for your child.*

*Very truly yours,*

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