



FIRST RECONCILIATION/FIRST COMMUNION INFORMATION SHEET 2018-2019

Below is information for families with *children entering second grade this fall. As part of the preparation for the reception of the sacraments of Reconciliation and First Communion, this year's program combines both classroom preparation for children and meeting times for parents. Please mark your calendar now with these important dates.

Parents who have not participated in the First Reconciliation/First Communion process at Holy Family are invited to a BRIEF meeting on **Sunday, September 23rd, 10:50-11:20 in the FSPC**. We will go over the year ahead and answer any questions you may have. If you've been through this before and want a "refresher", you are welcome to come, too. Further explanations will be given at the Parent Retreats.

Preparation for the sacrament of **Reconciliation**:

- **Parents' Retreat:** Saturday, October 6, 9:30-11:30 in the FSPC **OR**
(Parents only) Sunday, October 7, 10:45-12:45 in the FSPC
No registration required – attend either one.

- **Reconciliation Retreat:** Saturday, November 3rd (held in the FSPC)
(Children only) 9:00-11:00 **OR** 12:00-2:00 (choose one- limit 40 per session)
Registration will be through Sign up Genius. Watch your email for information about the date and time for sign up. This will be explained at the Parent Retreat in October.

- **The sacrament of Reconciliation:** Saturday, December 1, 10:00 a.m. **OR**
(Families attend together in church) Monday, December 3, 7:00 p.m.

Preparation for the Sacrament of **First Communion**:

- **Parents' Retreat:** Sunday, February 3, 10:45-12:45 in the FSPC
(Parents only)
No registration required
- **Jesus Day Retreat:** Saturday, April 6th in the FSPC
(Children only) 9:00-11:00 **or** 12:00-2:00 (choose one-limit 40 per session)
Registration will be through Sign up Genius. Watch your email for information about the date and time for sign up.
- **Group First Communion:** Saturday, April 27, 10:00 a.m.
Rehearsal (mandatory): Tuesday, April 23, 5:30-6:30 p.m.
- **Individual First Communions:** At 5:00 mass on the following Saturdays:
April 27 or May 4
At 9:30 or 11:30 mass on the following Sundays:
April 28 or May 5

Registration for ALL First Communions will be through Sign up Genius. Watch your email for information about the date and time for sign up.

FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN ATTENDING HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL

- Child attends religion classes in school and Saturday retreats to prepare for the sacraments of Reconciliation and First Eucharist.
- Parents must attend retreats facilitated by Fr. Rosing and Ted Rusinoff. These are designed to increase parents' knowledge of the sacraments and develop skills that will help parents teach their children. Details about each sacrament will be discussed at the Parent Retreats.
- ***Complete the Sacramental Preparation Registration Form, the Emergency Health Form, and the Participation Consent Form and return with fee by September 1. You may also register and pay online at www.holyfamilystow.org***
- Send us a **copy** of your child's baptismal certificate (if child **was not baptized** at Holy Family).
- Children ages 7 or older who are not baptized, or who were baptized in another faith tradition will participate in a separate program – RCIA for children. Contact Diane Hurtuk for details.

FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN ATTENDING PUBLIC SCHOOL

- Child attends religion classes at PSR and Saturday retreats to prepare for the sacraments of Reconciliation and First Eucharist.
- Parents must attend retreats facilitated by Fr. Rosing and Ted Rusinoff. These are designed to increase parents' knowledge of the sacraments and develop skills that will help parents teach their children. Details about the sacrament will be discussed at the Parent Retreats.
- ***Complete the PSR portion of the Religious Education Registration Form, the Sacramental Preparation Registration Form, the Emergency Health Form, and the Participation Consent Form and return with fee by September 1. You may also register and pay online at www.holyfamilystow.org***
- Send us a **copy** of your child's baptismal certificate (if child **was not baptized** at Holy Family).
- Children ages 7 or older who are not baptized, or who were baptized in another faith tradition will participate in a separate program – RCIA for children. Contact Diane Hurtuk for details.

ALL CORRESPONDENCE WILL TAKE PLACE THROUGH EMAIL. Give us an email address that you have access to outside of work hours and be sure to contact us if your email address changes during the year. All registrations take place online through Sign Up Genius – and they send notifications through email, so make sure it's not blocked.

*Children who reach the age of reason (7 years old) and have not been baptized, or were baptized in another faith tradition and have not made a Profession of Faith, go through the RCIA process for children. Contact Diane Hurtuk for instruction information and do NOT register for First Reconciliation/First Communion.

**FEES MAY BE PAID IN ONE CHECK made payable to Holy Family Parish and returned to the rectory office. You may also register and pay online with a credit card at www.holyfamilystow.org Look for First Communion under the Sacraments heading.

If you have any questions or financial concerns, contact Diane Hurtuk at 330-688-6412 ext. 273. No one will be excluded because of financial difficulties. We are ONE HOLY FAMILY!

