



September 2019

Dear New and Returning Parents of St. John's School,

Welcome to the new school year! As a Catholic School Family, it is important for us as a school to help prepare your children to receive the sacraments as part of their practicing the faith in the Roman Catholic Tradition. We ensure that your child studies and learns the meaning of our faith and the values instilled in us through the reception of the sacraments. By learning the teachings of Jesus Christ and the values He wished for us to practice we are developing the formation of the *Whole Child*. In addition to academics, our catholic schools are significantly different from other institutions in the aspect of the formation of spiritual relationships with your child and with God. We encourage and minister the importance of such a relationship with the Lord for He is the very reason why our schools exist.

"Let it be known to all who enter here, that Jesus Christ is the reason for this school, the unseen but ever-present TEACHER in all its classes, the model of its faculty, and the INSPIRATION for its students."

Archdiocesan Policy about the Reception of the Sacraments

"Children in the regional Catholic schools receive the sacraments (Baptism, Confirmation, Reconciliation, Holy Eucharist) in their home parishes. If the families do not belong to a parish, they are encouraged to choose one. The children would be prepared in the school and would have to communicate with the parish that they attend in order to fulfill the requirements for the reception of the sacraments. This would not entail a duplication of religion classes. The parents are able to opt for reception of the sacraments by the children with their school community. This would mean that the parents would ask the pastor of the parish where they attend for his permission. Families are encouraged to contact the pastors of the parish that they attend in **September** when the academic school year begins to discuss and make the necessary arrangements for the reception of the sacraments."

In accordance with Archdiocesan policy, Regional Catholic School children need to contact the parish that the family attends about the celebration and reception of the sacraments. In **BOLD**, you will see the information for our Host Parish which is **St. John-Visitation Parish**; Fr. Michael Kerrigan is the host pastor. If your family attends another parish and would like for your child to receive sacraments in St. John-Visitation Parish, **Father Kerrigan will request a letter from your pastor, giving you permission to do so.**

It is important that you contact Father Kerrigan as soon as possible in **SEPTEMBER** and set up an appointment to meet with him in regards to the reception of the sacraments. We at the school will keep track of your information and progress as the year moves along, and in partnership with our host parish, collaborate in preparing your child to receive these sacraments.

Please fill out the attached form to retain this information in our records. Return the form by **SEPTEMBER 9th**.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to call us @ **718-548-0255** or feel free to contact our host parish @ **718-548-1221x119** for further information.

Sincerely through Christ,
Mrs. Melissa M. Moore
Principal

Northwest Bronx Local Area Parishes

St. John-Visitation 3021 Kingsbridge Avenue, Bronx, NY 10463 (718) 548-1221

Pastor: Father Michael Kerrigan

Our Lady of the Angels 2860 Webb Avenue, Bronx, NY 10468

St. Nicholas of Tolentine 2345 University Avenue, Bronx, NY 10468

St. Margaret of Cortona-St. Gabriel 6000 Riverdale Avenue, Bronx, NY 10471



SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION FORM RETURN BY SEPTEMBER 9TH

Name of Student:	Grade in Sept.:
Parent Name:	Parent Email:
Religion: (please circle one) <p align="center"> <input type="checkbox"/> CATHOLIC <input type="checkbox"/> NON-CATHOLIC </p>	Name of Local Parish and Pastor: (If you DO NOT belong to a parish please write <u>NONE</u>)
Which sacraments has your child <u>received</u>? Please check all that APPLY <input type="checkbox"/> My child is BAPTIZED. <input type="checkbox"/> My child has received FIRST PENANCE. <input type="checkbox"/> My child has received FIRST COMMUNION.	If your child <u>has</u> received sacraments please enter the dates and the name of the parish: <u>Baptism:</u> _____ Date Parish <u>First Penance:</u> _____ Date Parish <u>First Communion:</u> _____ Date Parish
If your child <u>has not</u> received any of the sacraments, please indicate which sacraments are <u>needed</u>? <input type="checkbox"/> My child needs to be <u>BAPTIZED</u> . <input type="checkbox"/> My child is 7yrs of age or older and needs to complete <u>FIRST PENANCE</u> . <input type="checkbox"/> My child has completed <i>first penance</i> and now needs to receive <u>FIRST COMMUNION</u> .	Please indicate if you intend to contact our Host Parish to inscribe your child to receive any of the sacraments needed: (please circle yes/no) ST. JOHN-VISITATION PASTOR: FR. MICHAEL KERRIGAN 3021 KINGSBRIDGE AVENUE BRONX, NY 10463 (718) 548-1221 <p align="center"> <input type="checkbox"/> YES OR <input type="checkbox"/> NO </p> ***Please remember to contact the parish early on in SEPTEMBER to sign up.***
Signature:	Date: