

Holy Angels', St. Anne's and Our Lady of Sorrows Family of Parishes

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First Reconciliation & First Holy Communion

June 14, 2019

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Let me begin by extending a warm welcome to all the parishioners from Our Lady of Sorrows to our parish family. We hope that your family has had a blessed and joy filled school year! If your child will be 7 years or older by the end of December 2020 we would like to invite you to participate in our First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion Program this year. ***This is a letter to inform you of the dates that we have planned for these Sacraments, as well as the meetings that you(not your child) are requested to attend.***

If your child is not baptized in the Catholic Church we would like to invite you to consider joining our Catholic faith in a more intentional way by beginning the process of having your child welcomed into our Catholic family. You are welcome to join our parent registration meetings listed below. Following the parent meeting we will speak to the process of having you child/children receive the Sacraments of Baptism, First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion.

We would like to explain a new initiative to better accommodate our busy family schedules. We run 3 cycles/opportunities for First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion classes. We will offer a fall, or winter, or summer program (dates listed below). ***Parents are asked to choose the cycle of preparation dates that work best for your family schedule.*** Each cycle will conclude with a set of First Holy Communion dates. However, families are welcome to complete preparation in a particular cycle and celebrate the Sacraments in a subsequent cycle. Preparation must always be completed before the Sacraments are received. We will also offer similar options in 2020/2021

It is our hope this early communication, and the ability to choose your preferred cycle, will ensure your planned participation. Our preparation is an opportunity for your family to receive the most the Lord has to offer you in this upcoming year. The parent catechesis/classes will review your understanding of these Sacraments, offer tools to prepare your child at home, spend time in prayer and answer your questions. At this time we do not offer child care, but it is our hope that we may be able to in the future. We ask that the parent meetings are attended by parents only. Finally, we ask each family contribute \$25.00 (payable to your parish) to cover the cost of materials provided for you to use at home.

Please see the dates of each preparation cycle and Sacramental celebration dates on the reverse of this notice. Registration forms will be provided at the June 18, 2019 registration night. Finally, due to the short notice of this meeting we will accept registrations at the July 2, 2019 parent meeting, in order to make the summer cycle attainable for our families. Do not bring forms to the school or parish office. Please mark these dates on your calendar, and if you have any questions please contact the parish office. If parent meetings are not attended on assigned dates, your child may be advised to celebrate these Sacraments the following cycle. This is in order to assure proper preparation has been provided.

Thank you for your participation and cooperation. Be assured of our prayers for your family. The Lord will truly be present in your family in a new way!

In Him,

Fr. John Johnston
Pastor

Natasha Contestabile
Catechist

**** See Reverse for Important Dates ****

Note: If you participated in the Fall, 2018 or Spring, 2019 cycle but received this letter please be assured your attendance was recorded and this note is a reminder of upcoming Sacramental Dates. Your attendance is only required for one cycle per child.

Summer 2019 Cycle -

June 18, 2019 –	Registration Meeting – due to short notice, if you are unable to attend this meeting we will also accept registration on July 2, 2019 Where: St. Anne’s Church	When: 7:00pm-8:30pm
July 2, 2019–	First Reconciliation Parent Catechesis Where: St. Anne’s Church	When: 6:30pm – 8:30pm
July 4, 2019 –	First Reconciliation Parent Catechesis Where: St. Anne’s Church	When: 6:30pm – 8:30pm
July 9, 2019 –	First Holy Communion Parent Catechesis Where: St. Anne’s Church	When: 6:30pm-8:30pm
July 11, 2019 –	First Holy Communion Parent Catechesis Where: St. Anne’s Church	When: 6:30pm-8:30pm
First Reconciliation –	July 20, 2019 Where: St. Anne’s Church	When: 10:30am-12:00pm
First Holy Communion –	July 27 & 28, 2019 Where: All Parishes	When: All Masses

Fall 2019 Cycle -

September 12, 2019 –	Registration Meeting Where: Our Lady of Sorrows Church	When: 7:00pm-8:30pm
September 19, 2019–	First Reconciliation Parent Catechesis Where: Our Lady of Sorrows Church	When: 6:30pm – 8:30pm
October 3, 2019 –	First Reconciliation Parent Catechesis Where: Our Lady of Sorrows Church	When: 6:30pm – 8:30pm
October 17, 2019 –	First Holy Communion Parent Catechesis Where: Our Lady of Sorrows Church	When: 6:30pm-8:30pm
October 26, 2019 –	First Holy Communion Parent & Child Retreat Where: Our Lady of Sorrows Church	When: 9:30am-12:30pm
First Reconciliation –	October 19, 2019 Where: Our Lady of Sorrows Church	When: 10:30am-12:00pm
First Holy Communion –	November 2 & 3, 2019 Where: All Parishes	When: All Masses

Winter 2020 Cycle –

February 12, 2020 –	Registration Meeting Where: St. Anne’s Church	When: 7:00pm-8:30pm
February 22, 2020–	First Reconciliation Parent Catechesis Where: St. Anne’s Church	When: 1:0pm – 3:00pm
March 7, 2020 –	First Reconciliation Parent Catechesis Where: St. Anne’s Church	When: 1:00pm – 3:00pm
March 21, 2020 –	First Holy Communion Parent Catechesis Where: St. Anne’s Church	When: 1:00pm-3:00pm
April 18, 2020 –	First Holy Communion Parent & Child Retreat Where: St. Anne’s Church	When: 9:30am-12:30pm
First Reconciliation –	March 24, 2020 Where: Our Lady of Sorrows Church	When: 3:00pm-6:00pm
First Holy Communion –	May 2, 3, 9, 10, 16, 17, 23, 24, 30, 31, 2020 Where: All Parishes	When: All Masses