

December 18, 2009

Dear Parents,

Our records indicate your child is old enough to participate in the First Eucharist Sacramental Preparation Program this year. Please check the *Eligibility and Requirements* list printed on the reverse side of this letter. If your child does not meet these criteria, notify the Religious Education Office at 410-798-5680.

This year's preparation class will be in excess of eighty students making it necessary for us to have two separate First Eucharist Masses. The first will be at 10 a.m. on Saturday, May 1. The second will be at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, May 1. There is a Mass request form included in this mailing for you to return by the **Mandatory Parents' Meeting on Monday, January 4. This meeting will be held from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. in the church.** At least one parent must attend for your child to remain eligible for First Eucharist. The only exception is for parents that have attended a Eucharist Parents' Meeting within the past two years for an older child.

Enclosed is a blue form with *First Eucharist Registration* on one side and *Proof of Baptism for First Eucharist* on the other side. Fill out both sides and return to the Religious Education Office.

Parent volunteers are needed to help teach classes and perform various other jobs. Please consider being a First Eucharist Catechist or a Retreat Day Volunteer. Sign up on the registration form.

A list of important dates pertaining to the First Eucharist Preparation Program is listed on the back of this page. The cost of the program is \$25.

I look forward to working with you and your child as we prepare together for this most blessed and special sacrament of First Eucharist.

Yours in Christ,

Sharon Graham
Director of Religious Education

ELIGIBILITY & REQUIREMENTS:

- Student must be a minimum of 7 years of age.
- Student must be enrolled and is current with class work in second consecutive year of Religious Education.
- Student and family must be registered members of Holy Family.
- Student must be baptized. Parents are required to provide proof of child's baptism if child was baptized at a church other than Holy Family. Verification of those baptized at Holy Family will be made through our records.
- Student must have successfully completed preparation for the Sacrament of Reconciliation.
- Student must complete all work assigned for the Preparation Program, attend the mandatory First Eucharist Retreat Day, and attend their assigned rehearsal.
- At least one parent must attend the mandatory Parents' Meeting unless exempt by the Administrator. Exemptions are granted for parents that have attended a First Eucharist Parents' Meeting within the past two years for an older child.
- At least one parent must attend the Retreat Day and the mandatory rehearsal with their child.

2010 FIRST EUCHARIST DATES:

January 4	7:00-9:00	Parents' Meeting
January 27	4:30-5:30, 6:00-7:00	Class 1
February 3	4:30-5:30, 6:00-7:00	Class 2
		Baptismal Certificate Due
February 10	4:30-5:30, 6:00-7:00	Class 3
February 17	4:30-5:30, 6:00-7:00	Class 4
February 24	4:30-5:30, 6:00-7:00	Class 5
March 3	4:30-5:30, 6:00-7:00	Class 6
March 28	1:00-4:30	Retreat day
April 27	6:30-7:30	Rehearsal for 10 a.m. Mass
April 28	6:30-7:30	Rehearsal for 1:30 p.m. Mass
May 1	10:00	First Eucharist Mass
May 1	1:30	First Eucharist Mass

First Eucharist Registration

Student's Full Name - First, Middle, Last

Grade

First or nickname child goes by

Parish where child attended CCD or
Catholic School **last school year**

Parents' names -----

Address -----

Street

City

State

Zip

E-mail address -----

Home phone -----

Does your child attend Mass on a weekly basis? Yes No

Chose one:

----- Attend class at Holy Family, Wednesdays 4:30-5:30

----- Attend class at Holy Family, Wednesdays 6:00-7:00

----- Will do Home Study

Name of parent doing instruction -----

Parent Participation:

Our First Eucharist Sacramental Preparation Program relies on parent involvement as teachers for the Wednesday classes and volunteers to help with our Retreat Day. Please indicate below how you will help.

----- Will teach or co-teach Wednesdays 4:30-5:30. Which parent?

----- Will teach or co-teach Wednesdays 6:00-7:00. Which parent?

----- Will attend First Eucharist Retreat Day as a parent volunteer.
Which parent?

(Please turn page over.)

Proof of Baptism for First Eucharist

Child's Full Name – First, Middle, Last

_____ My child was not baptized at Holy Family. I will provide the original Baptismal certificate to the Religious Education office prior to Wednesday, February 3, 2010. The original will be copied and returned.

_____ My child was baptized at Holy Family: Month _____
Year _____

**Return this form and \$25 registration fee to the Religious
Education Office by Sunday, January 10, 2010**

First Eucharist Mass Request

Child's Name - First, Middle, Last

Name of Parent making the request

Phone number

Check the Mass time you are requesting:

Saturday, May 1 10:00 a.m.

Saturday, May 1 1:30 p.m.

Either time is fine

Neither time will work. I need to set up another time.

If you have a reason for special consideration please write it below:

Is your child interested in reading at the First Communion Mass? Yes No

The following friends or family members would like to serve as

Altar server _____ Lector _____

Eucharistic Minister _____

Return this form to the Religious Education Office.

Holy Family Religious Education

P.O. Box 130

Davidsonville, MD 21035

Requests will be processed in the order they are received.

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Date Received _____