



Saint James the Apostle Parish
Office of Religious Education

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Dear Parents & Guardians,

The preparation for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Eucharist are a very special time in a child's life. Here at Saint James, we believe that too and look forward to sharing this experience with you and your family. We believe that the family also shares responsibility for preparing children for these Sacraments along with the teachers, clergy and parish community; and I look forward to taking this journey with you.

As the primary teacher of your child, one of the most important responsibilities you have is to ensure that your child attends Mass, class and completes the supplemental workbooks which are distributed during the year.

The Registration Form and First Eucharist Mass Schedule are attached. Please return the **completed** form by **October 1, 2011**. Masses will be scheduled on a *first-response basis* with a maximum of 14 children per Mass. Please be sure to include your first and second Mass choice. You will receive confirmation at the First Reconciliation Parent Information Meeting as to which Mass you are scheduled.

Below is an outline of the preparation process and dates you will be **required** to attend:

First Reconciliation Parent Information Meeting: Thursday, November 17, 2011 from 7:00PM - 8:00PM, in the Church.
It is mandatory that at least one parent or guardian attend. Children do not attend this meeting.

Families will present their child for the **Sacrament of Reconciliation at the Family Prayer Service on Saturday, February 4, 2012 at 10:30 AM**.

First Eucharist Family Retreat: Saturday, March 3, 2012 from 8:30AM- 12:00 Noon. *It is mandatory that at least one parent or guardian attend with the First Eucharist Candidate.*

Most Holy Body & Blood: Sunday, June 10, 2012 12:00PM Mass: All children receiving the Sacrament of First Holy Communion are required to attend Mass and participate in the Procession wearing their Communion attire.

There is an additional fee of \$75 for the Sacramental of First Holy Communion which includes the cost of the workbooks for Reconciliation and First Eucharist, the family retreat and the day of the Sacrament. The parish requires a copy of your child's Baptismal Certificate. Please complete the attached forms and return them with payment by **October 1, 2011**.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me.

Blessing,

Ms. Nancy Caputo

Ms. Nancy Caputo
Religious Education Coordinator
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CC: Msgr. Bill Hatcher
Mrs. Patricia Dolansky

First Eucharist Schedule

Parents please keep for our records

You will receive confirmation of your Mass choice at the Reconciliation Meeting.

Mass dates and times for 2012

MASS

Saturday, April 28, 2012 – 5:00 PM

Sunday, April 29, 2012 – 10:30 AM

Sunday, April 29, 2012 – 12 Noon

Saturday, May 12, 2015 – 5:00 PM

Sunday, May 13, 2012 – 10:30 AM

Sunday, May 13, 2012 – 12 Noon

Sunday, May 20, 2012 – 9:00 AM

MANDATORY REHEARSAL SCHEDULE

Rehearsal: Wednesday, April 25, 2012 - 5:00PM –6:00PM

Rehearsal: Thursday, April 26, 2012 – 4:00PM –5:00PM

Rehearsal: Thursday, April 26, 2012 – 5:00PM – 6:00PM

Rehearsal: Wednesday, May 9, 2012 – 5:00PM – 6:00PM

Rehearsal: Thursday, May 10, 2012 – 4:00PM – 5:00PM

Rehearsal: Thursday, May 10, 2012 – 5:00PM – 6:00PM

Rehearsal: Thursday, May 17, 2012 – 5:00PM – 6:00PM

All children receiving the Sacrament of First Holy Communion are required to attend the NOON Mass on Sunday, June 10, 2012 and participate in the procession of the Most Holy Body & Blood wearing their Communion attire.

Registration Form for the Sacrament of
Reconciliation & First Eucharist

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM BY OCTOBER 1, 2011

Please print

Child's Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Date of Baptism: _____ Place of Birth: _____

Parish of Baptism: _____

City, State of Baptismal Parish: _____

Please Note: If we do not receive a copy of your child's Baptismal Certificate, your child will automatically be wait-listed. Sorry, no exceptions. (copy of Baptismal Certificate NOT required if child was baptized at St. James)

Father's Name: _____

Mother's Name: _____ (including Maiden Name)

Home Phone Number: () _____ Cell Phone: () _____

Family e-mail address: _____ (please print)

(e-mail address is required: **all information** will be sent electronically)

Please indicate first and second choice

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| _____ Saturday, April 28, 2012 @ 5:00 PM | _____ Sunday, May 13, 2012 @ 10:30 AM (Mother's Day) |
| _____ Sunday, April 29, 2012 @ 10:30 AM | _____ Sunday, May 13, 2012 @ 12 Noon (Mother's Day) |
| _____ Sunday, April 29, 2012 @ 12 Noon | _____ Sunday, May 20, 2012 @ 9:00 AM |
| _____ Saturday, May 12, 2015 @ 5:00 PM | |

I understand that attendance at the Reconciliation Parent Meeting, Reconciliation Prayer Service, Eucharist Family Retreat and First Eucharist rehearsal are all mandatory and we will attend.

Parent/ Guardian Signature: _____

_____ We have enclosed a payment for \$75.00 Payable to **Saint James Parish.**