

St. Joseph Parish

First Holy Communion



Parent Meeting

February 2020

First Holy Communion Rehearsal and Mass Schedule

Your Group - (unless otherwise approved)

Group 1- Wednesday 3:15 p.m.
Wednesday 4:15 p.m.
Thursday 5:15 p.m.

Group 2- Thursday 3:15 p.m.
Thursday 4:15 p.m.

Rehearsal Schedule

Only those students with Special Parts

Group 1 - Monday, April 27th 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Group 2 - Tuesday, April 28th 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

All students

Group 1 - Wednesday, April 29th 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Group 2 - Thursday, April 30th 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Mass Schedule Saturday, May 2nd

Group 1 Mass Time: 10:30 a.m.

Group 2 Mass Time: 1:00 p.m.

First Holy Communion Mass Schedule

Saturday, May 2nd 2020

Children should arrive by

Group 1	10:00 a.m.	Hang banner on pew Meet in Hall and sit in assigned seating
Group 2	12:30 p.m.	Hang banner on pew Meet in Hall and sit in assigned seating

Parking:

Group 1 families arriving early for individual pictures should plan on parking at St. Joseph School, 15 Gould Street, as daily Mass participants will be parked in the church parking lots. If your family is arriving at 10:00 a.m. you may park in the church parking lots or on the street.

Group 2 families can park in the church parking lots or street.

Please remind your guests not to park in the parking lot of local businesses. The Harvard Mills garage is no longer available.

Wallet Size Photo Request:

Please bring to class an individual picture of your child/children. Your child's school picture (wallet size) would be perfect! We will be using the picture to create "sheep" with your child's photo on it. These little lambs will be displayed in the foyer of the church after Easter. Please send the pictures to me by March 18th/19th with your child's name and class time on the back of the photo.

Thank you!

First Holy Communion Banner:

First Communion Banner Kits are available to purchase for \$15.00 each. Please see Mrs. Mari Laiosa or Mrs. Diane Murphy if you would like to buy a banner. If you would like to make your own banner please see Diane after the meeting for instructions and dimensions.

Examples of First Holy Communion Banners



Clothing:

Girls are asked to dress in a white dress, below the knee in length, shoulders should be covered. We also suggest white low-heeled dress shoes. Headpieces/veils and gloves may also be worn. Please remove the gloves before receiving Communion.

Boys are asked to wear a white suit, white shirt and white tie with white shoes OR a navy blue blazer, khaki pants, white shirt and white tie with dress shoes. No sneakers please.

Pictures and Videos

Due to the solemnity of the Mass, we ask that no one take pictures/videos or move around the Church in order to take pictures/videos during the ceremony. Please be sure to share this information with all your guests.

Photography:

A professional photographer from O'Connor Studios will be available for photos of this special day. They will provide individual pictures of your child before Mass, a group photo with Fr. Ron and a picture of your child receiving First Communion. Information will be mailed to your homes with the different packages and pricing approximately two weeks before May 2nd.

Individual First Holy Communion Pictures before Mass:

Your child should arrive at least one hour before Mass if you intend to have your child's picture taken. Pictures are taken on a first come, first served basis.

Group First Holy Communion Picture:

The group photo of all the students and Fr. Ron will be taken in the Church, 30 minutes prior to Mass.

Individual First Holy Communion Picture of Receiving:

Individual pictures of your child receiving his/her First Holy Communion will also be taken. The photographer will include details on how to purchase this picture in the package that is sent to you.

Video of First Holy Communion Mass:

The entire Mass will be video recorded and available in DVD format to purchase. Please see attached form for more details.

Special Seating:

If you or a member of your family will need special seating due to a handicap which prevents sitting in a pew during Mass, please let Mrs. Mari Laiosa know by **Friday, April 3rd.**

Allergy Concerns:

Please see Mrs. Mari Laiosa or Mrs. Diane Murphy if your child has an allergy or intolerance that will prevent them from receiving the Body of Christ.

May Procession:

On Sunday, May 3rd, at the 9:00 a.m. Family Mass, all First Communicants will participate in the May Procession in their First Communion attire.

The students will meet at 8:45 a.m. in Father Gillis Hall and will process in and out as a group. We will sit together at the Mass. Please meet your child in the hall after Mass.



How to receive Holy Communion

In class, we will practice how to receive Communion. It will be taught as described below. Please try to practice this with your child at home. Thank you for all your support as we prepare for this special and holy occasion.

- ♦ Approach the altar with hands together in front of you.
- ♦ When you have reached the priest (Fr. Ron), bow before Jesus.
- ♦ Place **DOMINANT** hand under other hand to prepare to receive Jesus. In other words “Make a plate!”
- ♦ The priest (Fr. Ron) will say “The Body of Christ” and place the Host in your hand.
- ♦ Say **AMEN**. Step aside, pick up the Host with your **DOMINANT** hand and place the Host in your mouth.
- ♦ Walk back to the pew with hands together, kneel and pray thanking God for this awesome gift and for all your blessings.
- ♦ Remain kneeling until the Tabernacle is closed and Fr. Ron takes his seat.

First Communion DVD Order Form

Return to Mrs. Mari Laiosa by Friday, April 3rd



Due to the solemnity of the Mass, no pictures and/or videos are to be taken during the First Communion Mass. The entire 10:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. Masses on Saturday, May 2nd will be video recorded and the DVD is available to purchase for \$15.00

Child's Name _____

Your Child's First Communion Mass Time (please check one):

10:30 a.m. _____

1:00 p.m. _____

Ship To Information	
Name:	
Address:	
City/State/Zip:	

Order Information		
	X \$15.00 =	
<i>Quantity</i>		<i>Total</i>

You may pay in cash or attach a check made payable to "St. Joseph Parish."

All DVDs will be mailed approximately four weeks after First Communion Mass. The price includes packaging and postage. Please fill out a separate form for separate addresses. Thank you!



Family Member Participation Form First Communion Mass

Return to Mrs. Mari Laiosa by Friday, April 3rd

Name of person(s) to participate: _____

Please indicate participation requested:

Priest _____
Deacon _____
Eucharistic Minister _____
Altar Server _____

Relationship to your child: _____

Your Child's First Communion Mass:

Date: _____

Time: _____

Your Child's Name _____

Telephone Number _____

Your email address _____

First Holy Communion Checklist

◆ Banner

1. Purchase Kit for \$15.00
2. Pick up banner dimensions from RE Office if making your own.

◆ Wallet Size Picture

1. Due by **Wednesday/Thursday, March 18th/19th**
2. Child's name and class time on back of photo.

◆ Special Seating Request

1. Email Mrs. Mari Laiosa (mlaiosa@stjosephwakefield.org)
2. Due by **Friday, April 3rd**

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Please contact us with any questions:

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