



St. Paul's Parish Faith Formation

2009 –2010

FIRST EUCHARIST PROGRAM SCHEDULE

The Sacrament of Eucharist is Jesus' gift of self to us. Eucharist is the source and summit of our lives as Catholic Christians. To be eligible, a child must be baptized, in 2nd grade or above and have regularly attended a Catholic Religious Education program or a Catholic school the previous year. According to the guidelines for the Syracuse Diocese, children who wish to receive their First Communion must first receive catechesis for the Sacrament of Penance. Children who have not yet been baptized please call Kathy or Father for more information. Children attending Rome Catholic School are asked to attend all sessions listed below. **Regular attendance at Mass is extremely important during this year of preparation.** We invite you to attend the 4:30 pm Mass on Saturdays whenever possible where children may participate in Children's Liturgy of the Word. Sunday Mass times are 8:30 and 10:30 am. The schedule below lists the required parent meeting, workshops, liturgies and classes.

Wed, Jan. 13	6:30 – 7:30 PM (Chapel)	Parent Meeting – An overview of the Sacrament of Eucharist and an explanation of the preparation materials, workshops, classes and rehearsals will be given. Children are welcome but do not need to attend.
Sun, Jan. 24	9:30 Workshop (Chapel) 10:30 Mass (Church)	Family Workshop #1 & Enrollment Mass Children and parents (all family members are welcome) attend this opening session. Children and parents will sign the First Eucharist Enrollment Scroll. Children will be welcomed by the parish at the 10:30 Mass.
Sun, Feb. 28	9:30 Workshop (Chapel) 10:30 Mass (Church)	Family Workshop # 2 , Children and Parents attend this session: Blessing of Bibles & Liturgical Hunt Focus: Liturgy of the Word followed by Mass at 10:30
Sun, March 21	9:30 Workshop (Chapel) 10:30 Mass (Church)	Family Workshop # 3 with re-enactment of the Last Supper. Focus: Liturgy of the Eucharist followed by Mass at 10:30
Wed, April 7	8:00 – 9:00 AM (classrooms)	Children's Class and rehearsal - Children will be bused to schools (including RCS) after class.
Wed. April 14	8:00 – 9:00 AM (classrooms)	Children's Class and rehearsal - Children will be bused to schools (including RCS) after class.
Wed, April 28	6:30 PM (Church)	Rehearsal with Parents - Parents attend this last rehearsal with children. It will last approx. one hour.
Sun. May 2	10:30 AM (Church)	Celebration of First Eucharist – reception to follow