



St. Paul's Parish Faith Formation 2009 – 2010

FIRST RECONCILIATION (PENANCE) PROGRAM SCHEDULE

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is Jesus' gift of love and forgiveness. To be eligible, a child must be baptized, at least seven years of age and be 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.

The journey toward the celebration of your child's First Reconciliation began with his or her Baptism. If your child was **not** baptized here at St. Paul's, we will need a copy of his or her **Baptismal Certificate**. If you need to obtain a copy of your child's baptismal certificate, please call the church where your child was baptized and ask them to send it to you. Please send a copy when you register. If your child was baptized at St. Paul's, we have the information on file. If your child has not yet been baptized, please call Kathy or Father for more information.

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, Oct. 7	6:30 – 7:30 PM (Chapel)	Parent Meeting – Requirements and overview of the First Reconciliation and Eucharist Program, explanation of workshops, classes and rehearsals will be given. Children are welcome but do not need to attend.
Sun, Oct. 18	9:30 AM Workshop (Chapel) 10:30 Mass (Church)	Reconciliation Workshop 1 & Enrollment Mass Preparation for Reconciliation will include a tour of the Reconciliation Room. Children and parents will sign a "Covenant of Peace" at the workshop. Signed covenants will be presented at Mass. Prayer to learn: An Act of Contrition
Sun, Nov. 8	9:30 am Workshop (Chapel) 10:30 Mass (Church)	Reconciliation Workshop 2 – We will start our day's activities in the Parish Center Chapel. Children will practice skit, song and format for First Reconciliation. Parents will view and discuss a short video. We will celebrate Mass together at the 10:30 Liturgy. Children and parents attend the workshop and Mass together.
Wed, Nov. 18	8:00 – 9:00 AM (Classroom)	Children's Class and rehearsal – All children (including those attending RCS) attend this class that includes practice for the celebration of First Reconciliation. Children will be bused to schools (including RCS) after class.
Saturday Nov. 21,	10:30 AM	Celebration of First Reconciliation St. Paul's Church