



St. Paul's Parish Faith Formation
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FIRST RECONCILIATION & FIRST EUCHARIST

Welcome to a wonderful year in the life of your child. Children who begin this year of preparation for two sacraments must be baptized, at least 7 years old, in 2nd grade or above and have regularly attended Faith Formation 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 prepare for the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

The journey toward the celebration of First Reconciliation and First Eucharist began with your child's 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, call the church where your child was baptized and ask them to send it to you. If your child was baptized at St. Paul's, we have the baptismal 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 meetings, classes and workshops listed below are required for those attending Faith Formation classes and Rome Catholic School:

2011 **Schedule of Classes, Workshops and Meetings** **First Reconciliation**

Wed, Oct. 5 6:30 – 7:30 PM Parent Meeting

Overview of the First Reconciliation and Eucharist Program, explanation and ways to help your child prepare for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist.

Sun, Oct. 23 9:30 – 11:30 AM Reconciliation Family Workshop & Enrollment Mass

At the workshop, we will explain the sacraments as signs of God's love, the steps for celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation - parents and children will sign the Enrollment Scroll. Children will be presented to the parish at Mass,

Wed, Nov. 9 8:00 – 9:00 AM Children's Class and rehearsal

All children (including those attending RCS) attend this class that includes practice for the celebration of First Reconciliation.

Wed, Nov. 16 8:00 – 9:00 AM Children's Class and rehearsal

All children (including those attending RCS) attend this class that includes practice for the celebration of First Reconciliation.

Saturday Nov. 19 10:30 AM Celebration of First Reconciliation St. Paul's Church

Please bring a special candle for the celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

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FIRST EUCHARIST

2012 Schedule of Classes, Workshops and Meetings

- Sun, Jan. 22 9:30 – 11:30 AM Eucharist Family Workshop #1**
Children and parents attend this workshop that will focus on the Sacrament of Baptism, the beginning of our journey of faith. Parents and children are asked to bring in mementos of their child's baptism; photos, certificates, candles, baptismal outfits, etc. Mass will be celebrated at 10:30.
- Sun, Feb. 12 9:30 – 11:30 AM Eucharist Family Workshop # 2,**
Children and parents attend this workshop that will focus on the Liturgy of the Word. Blessing of Bibles & Liturgical Hunt will be followed by Mass at 10:30. Please bring a children's Bible or Bible storybook for the blessing.
- Sun, March 25 9:30 – 11:30 AM Eucharist Family Workshop # 3**
Children and parents attend this workshop that will focus on the Liturgy of the Eucharist. Re-enactment of the Last Supper with Father will help the children have a deeper understanding of the institution of the Eucharist. Mass will be celebrated at 10:30
- Wed, April 4 8:00 – 9:00 AM Children's Class and Rehearsal**
Children will practice their song and prepare for their First Eucharist during this class.
- Wed. April 18 8:00 – 9:00 AM Children's Class and Rehearsal** based to
Children will practice their song and prepare for their First Eucharist during this class.
- Wed, May 2 6:30 - 7:30 PM Rehearsal with Parents**
Parents attend this last rehearsal with their children. Please come directly to church.
- Sun, May 6 10:30 – 11:30 AM Celebration of First Eucharist – reception to follow**