

Germantown, Maryland

FIRST PENANCE & FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Information Sheet

2018

First Penance Liturgy

First Communion candidates will go to confession at the First Penance ceremonies to be held on February 3, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. in Mother Seton Church.

**Please note that if we have to postpone First Penance due to weather the "snow date" will be on Saturday, February 10, 2018 at 10 a.m. in the Church.

Sacrament of Penance for Parents who wish to go to Confession are encouraged to do so at regularly scheduled times. (Tuesdays 6:00pm-6:45p, Saturdays 4:00p.m. to 4:45 p.m., 6:00pm-6:45pm en Espanol in Church)

First Communion Date

First Holy Communion will be on Saturday, May 5, 2018 at 10:30a.m. & 1:30 p.m. Please see page 3 to know your child's scheduled time.

First Communion Practice for First Communion will be held in church. **IT IS IMPORTANT THAT A PARENT OR OTHER FAMILY MEMBER BE PRESENT DURING PRACTICE.**

Dress

- Girls** – Girls should wear a dress that is modest (white is traditional, but is not mandatory). It may be sleeveless but **never** strapless. If it is cool that day, a white sweater may be in order. Veils are traditional but are not a requirement. White gloves may be worn, however your daughter must be reminded that if receiving on the hand, the gloves must be removed before coming forward. No gym shoes or flip flops please.
- Boys** – Boys usually wear a suit or sport jacket and slacks. Dark suit w/tie or white suit w/tie or Sunday best slacks w/jacket, dress shirt and tie. No gym shoes or flip flops please.

Flowers

Girls are discouraged from carrying flowers in Church during the First Holy Communion Mass. Boys are welcome to wear boutonnières on their lapels.

First Communion Sets

First Communion sets containing a missal, rosary, etc. are optional. If you wish to give a set to your child as a gift, it may be purchased at any Religious Goods Store. Some in our area are:

Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception: Bookstore

400 Michigan Ave NE, Washington, DC 20017

202-526-1287

www.nationalshrine.com

Pauline Books & Media

1025 King St, Alexandria, VA

703-549-3806

www.pauline.org

The National Shrine of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

339 S Seton Ave, Emmitsburg, MD 21727

First Communion Day

Parents and children should arrive forty-five minutes before the ceremony and gather in the McCabe Center (lower level of the Church). Other family members and friends may go into church and sit in the pews.

Morning Session	-	Arrive at 9:45 a.m.
Afternoon Session	-	Arrive at 12:45 p.m.

Entrance Into Church

Children will walk in procession with the priests.

Ceremony

We will use the songs your child has learned in class. Please join in singing. The children will actively participate in the ceremony during the Liturgy of the Word. They will also come to the altar during the Presentation of the Gifts

Reception of Holy Communion

The First Communicants will proceed out of their pews to the priest, after he/she receives Holy Communion they should proceed back to the pew via the side aisle. Parents and guests are invited to receive Communion after the First Communicants have received the sacrament. A priest or Eucharistic Minister will be stationed in the side aisle for those who wish to receive Communion. We ask that parents and guest not distract the children while they are praying in their pews as they walk up to receive Holy Communion.

Photographs and Videos

Pictures and videos may **NOT** be taken during the ceremony. Your cooperation in this matter will be greatly appreciated. Priests will be available after the ceremony and will be happy to pose for pictures at that time. In addition, each child will be photographed as he/she receives the host. A class picture will also be taken.

Communion Fee

The Communion fee is \$60.00. This fee covers the cost of many items including Mass booklets, altar flowers, certificates, etc. Kindly make your check payable to Mother Seton Parish and return it to your child's teacher an envelope.

October 2017

Dear Parents of Our First Holy Communicants,

Congratulations! Your child is eligible for our parish sacrament preparation program. This program includes mandatory parent participation. You must attend the following meetings and celebrations in order for your child to participate in our program. Attendance will be taken.

- ◆ First Penance Retreat
Religious Education Classes Sat., Jan 20, 2018 9:30 a.m.-Church
(For all students preparing for First Communion, at least one parent must attend)
- ◆ First Penance Liturgy Sat., Feb. 3, 2018 9:30 a.m.-Church
- ◆ First Holy Communion Retreat Sat. April 21, 2018 9:30 a.m.-Church
(For all students preparing for First Communion, at least one parent must attend)
- ◆ First Holy Communion Practice Monday, April 30,2018 5:00 p.m.-Church
AM SESSION (Monday classes & MON, RCIC & RCIC TEEN) Wednesday, May 2, 2018 5 PM Church
- ◆ First Holy Communion Practice Monday, April 30,2018 7:00 p.m.-Church
PM SESSION (Wednesday & Saturday classes) Wednesday May 2, 2018 7:00 p.m.-Church
- ◆ **First Holy Communion Celebration Saturday, May 5, 2018 AM Session- 10:30a.m.
PM Session 1:30 p.m.**

Detailed information about these events and the program will be discussed at the parent meeting.

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact me or Mrs. Mary Beth DeLuzio at the Faith Formation Office (301-924-3838 ext. 234). I look forward to seeing you and your child at the upcoming ceremonies and meetings.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Dominique Seraphin
Director

~~SECOND GRADE STATE CANDIDATES FOR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION~~
SCHEDULE FOR FIRST PENANCE CELEBRATIONS

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Saturday, May 5, 2018 – 10:30 A.M.(Bilingual)

2A (Monday): Ms. Magda Jimenez
Mr. Matthew Elder
Mrs. Kabuiya Magera

Mary of Nazareth School: Mrs. Michele Kowansky

RCIC Year II: Mrs. Theresa Lazzari
Mrs. Melisa Biebron
Ms. Edie Brown

RCIC Teen: Mr. Todd Levitas
Mrs. Melisa Biedron
Ms. Elizabeth Rosales

Saturday, May 5, 2018 – 1:30 P.M. (Bilingual)

2A (Wednesday) : Mrs. Tisha Chrobak
Mrs. Barbara Foster

2B (Wednesday): Mrs. Barbara Foster
Mr. Chris Lind

2C(Saturday- Spanish): Ms. Lourdes Andre
Mr. Alejandro Chavez

RCIC (Saturday – Spanish): Ms. Isabel Moreno

Rehearsals

Monday, April,30, 2018 - 5:00 P.M.–Church
Wednesday, May 2, 2018 5:00 P.M.-Church

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