**2nd Grade First Communion Class Parent Notes**

**PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL THESE DATES AND TIMES MAY CHANGE DUE TO COVID RESTRICTIONS.**

**ALL COVID PROTOCOLS MUST BE FOLLOWED.**

**WE THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR COOPERATION. WE WANT TO MAKE THE SACRAMENTS AS MEMORABLE AND SAFE AS POSSIBLE FOR OUR STUDENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES.**

**Please note that the following guidelines should be followed regarding COVID protocols .**

**These protocols apply to First Communicants, parents and any other person who is dropping off or picking up your child at rehearsals and First Penance and First Communion.**

**If you or anyone in your family has tested positive for COVID please stay home until your quarantine is over.**

**If you have any symptoms, such as fever, cough, aches, loss of taste or smell or other respiratory symptoms, stay home.**

**Please be assured that your child will still receive their sacraments this year if they cannot attend.   However, it will be at a later date this year.**

**We are sending these reminders for the health and safety and well being of our First Communicants, their families, church staff and guests.**

**First Penance**

**Rehearsal: Tuesday, March 2nd**

**Drop off at 3:30 PM**

Mrs. Dresch’s class drop off at Yetman Avenue entrance.

Mrs. Esposito’s class drop off at Amboy Road Entrance.

**First Penance Day: Thursday, March 4th at 3:30 PM in the church.**

Mrs. Dresch’s class drop off at Yetman Avenue entrance.

Mrs. Esposito’s class drop off at Amboy Road Entrance.

Due to COVID restrictions drop off in church, parents wait in car. When children finish with their First Penance they will be dismissed from the door they were dropped off at to their parent.

**Dress code for First Penance: Neat clothes appropriate for church.**

**First Penance certificates will be handed out the day of First Penance.**

**First Communion**

**Fee: $125 which includes Church fees, Musician, Church Photographer, First Communion sets, boutonniere’s, Church flowers, First Communion Face Masks, certificates and banners.**

**Invited Guests: Parents only, due to COVID restrictions.**

**Rehearsals :**

**Mrs. Esposito’s Class: Tuesday, April 20th and Tuesday, April 27th at 3:30 PM in the church.**

**Mrs. Dresch’s Class: Wednesday, April 21st and Wednesday, April 28th at 3:30 PM in the church.**

**First Communion Day**

**Mrs. Esposito 11:00 AM Mass**

**Mrs. Dresch 1:30 PM Mass**

**First Communion Attire:**

**Boys:** White Suit, white shirt, white tie (Can be embroidered), white shoes and socks.

We will provide Boutonniere’s for the boys.

**Girls:** White dress (No colored stones or underskirt) Clear stones with silver prongs and pearls are fine.

**Veils**: Simple headband or tiera. Clear Gemstones and pearls are fine. Short veil.

**White dress shoes with white anklet socks. Please NO stockings.**

**We would prefer no makeup for our First Communicants.**

**Light nail polish is Ok, but please no fake nails.**

**No gloves or flowers are permitted in church. You are welcome to take pictures afterwards with these items.**

**Notes:**

**There will be a Check in at both entrances on the day of First Communion. Seating will be assigned for First communicants and Parents.**

**All First Communicants will receive a Communion set with a prayer book, rosary beads, pin and scapular. This will be given out at a later date. You will be notified when they come in.**

**Banner kits will be given out at First Penance Rehearsal.**

**Church Photographer:** There will be a photographer taking pictures in church. (Marissa Hollister) Afterwards there will be an opportunity for a family portrait outside.

**Everyone will receive a link to the church pictures. This is included in your Communion Fee.**

**Portrait Photographer: If you would like to take portraits there will be a portrait photographer downstairs in the lower church before and after the First Communion Masses. He will arrive 45 minutes before the 11:00 Mass. This is a separate fee.**