

Good Shepherd Church

Year of Saint

Joseph ~



**Important Update ~ 13 April 2021 A.D.
First Holy Communion**

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Dear Parent/Guardian:

As we approach our upcoming *First Holy Communion*, please be sure to carefully read over the below reminders and guidelines.

Please be sure to keep this update for future reference.

If you have any questions/concerns, please advise by clicking on the above *["Reply to Email Here"](#)*...Thank you!

God's Blessings...Stay Safe!

Pax Christi,

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Important Reminders

First Holy Communion Rehearsal

Saturday, April 17th

12:00 P.M. - 1:30 P.M. for Candidates assigned to 11:30 A.M. Holy Mass

2:00 P.M. - 3:30 P.M. for Candidates assigned to 1:30 P.M. Holy Mass.

Note: Please enter through the Brown Street doors (Holy Family Garden). Masks must be worn in Church.

First Holy Communion Holy Masses

Saturday, May 8th

Arrival time is 10:30 A.M. for 11:30 A.M. Holy Mass

Arrival time is 12:30 P.M. for 1:30 P.M. Holy Mass

Note: Please enter through the Brown Street doors (Holy Family Garden). Masks must be worn in Church. Please arrive 1 hour before Holy Mass so that we can take a photo in front of the altar!

Children will receive their First Holy Communion Packets during Rehearsal. The packet will contain the following: 1 First Penance Certificate, 1 First Holy Communion Certificate, 5 Tickets per family to attend Holy Mass (the Candidate does not require a ticket), 1 First Holy Communion Mask, 2 Program Booklets.

First Holy Communion Candidates are assigned to the following Holy Mass (please be sure your child(ren) name(s) is spelled correctly...

Saturday, May 8th at 11:30 A.M.

Mason R. Assis
Kayla Teresa Baglio
Sienna Grace Bennett
Liam E. Bossio
Isabella Nicole Burke
Ava G. Busuttil
Daniela M. Callahan
Daniella M. Chiacchere
Maryann E. Dutton
Luke W. Evans
Nico P. Gomez
Dylan L. Jean-Charles
Vincent B. Khuu
Richard James Laino
Paul C. Ligresti

Saturday, May 8th at 11:30 A.M.

Saturday, May 8th at 1:30 P.M.

Giovanni C. Borgese
Bridget M. Browne
Anthony Cicoello
Joseph J. Condon
Milo R. Condon
Matthew Curcio
Preston J. Dailey
Gianna Marie DeMatteo
Daniel Emilio
Fiorina Foti
Drew R. Gallagher
Briella G. Gambino
Emma Hayes
Meaghan K. Kelly
Dominick J. King

Saturday, May 8th at 1:30 P.M.

Domenick Rocco Loccisano
Kayleigh A. Malave
Lila R. Miller
Andria M. Moraca
Lucy M. Moriarty
Sophia A. Rochford
Ethan Zachary Saint-Phard
Gabiell M. Schirripa
Emanuel Scundi
Thomas Scundi
Nicholas P. Tomassetti
Miya-Bella J. Trotman
Brandon Michael Williams
Emma G. Wrenn
Alivia R. Wroten
Skylar A. Young
Lorenzo P. Zirino

Adam Luino-Hawana
Aoife R. Mancuso
Meadbh A. Mancuso
Joseph Marabello
Michael P. Martin
Vanessa Mavrides
Dylan M. Menjivar
Michael A. Merzon
John R. Militano
Nora E. O'Brien
Dario F. Occhiogrosso
Nella V. Ramos
Gabriella Marie Rodriguez
Sophia G. Ruberto
Sophia L. Turchi
Thomas J. Ward
Isabella Catherine Wein-Vaccaro
Megan F. Willson
Riley E. Parker

Guidelines for First Holy Communion

1) First Communion Attire:

Young Gentleman have the option to wear:

- A white shirt with a dark suit.
- Dark or light pants and a dark jacket (dark blue, gray, black, etc.).
- Full white suit.
- A solid-colored gray, black, blue tie or bow-tie.
- Dark/white dress shoes (no sneakers) and socks.
- The traditional practice of wearing a white arm band bow on the left arm may be used.

- Flower lapel may be worn.



Young Ladies should wear:

- A modest white dress which kind of sleeve. Please, if the sleeveless or has spaghetti cover-up, jacket, or sweater.
- White dress socks or stockings.
- White dress shoes (no sneakers).
- A white head covering. This could include a First Communion veil, chapel veil, or flower wreath.
- No gloves may be worn.
- Flower bouquets may be presented after Holy Mass. Hands need to be free of any articles.

falls below the knees and has some dress your child is wearing is straps, make sure she wears a white

2) Photography - We will arrange for a photographer to take two photos. The first photo will be in front of the altar. The second photo will be taken during Holy Communion. Parents are welcomed to take photos from their seats and after Holy Mass. There are no photos with priests. No personal hired photographer/videographer by a parent is permitted in church.

Note: *It is important that you arrive on time so photos may be taken 1 hour before Holy Mass begins. There will be no videos (DVD) due to the restrictions of wearing masks.*

3) COVID-19 - We will continue to monitor the ongoing State and Diocesan health regulations and guidelines for COVID-19. We will send updates as needed. As of this writing the following directives remain in effect:

- Masks are to be worn by everyone entering into the church (covering nose and mouth).
- Candidates will be seated in the front of the church with social distancing.
- Families may be seated in available pews with social distancing.
- No materials may be brought into church. First Communion banners are not permitted to be brought into the church. You may display the banner on the outside of the church, hanging from the fence...weather permitting.
- The First Holy Communion Holy Masses will be a ticketed liturgy. Each family will receive 5 tickets. Again, the candidate does not need a ticket.
- There is no entrance or recessional processions.
- There is no offertory procession.
- There is no Communion Song.

“I am the good shepherd. A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.”
(John 10:11)

i) There are no restrooms available.

j) Proper Reception of Holy Communion:

- Recipient approaches the priest, bows, extends hands outward in the shape of a throne (right hand under left hand).
- Priest will say, "The Body of Christ."
- Recipient will say, "Amen."
- Recipient steps aside, lowers mask (does not remove mask), places the Body of Christ on tongue, and lifts mask to cover.