

***Church of St. Catharine
Religious Education Program***

***First Holy Communion
Parent Guide 2018***

**Retreat
First Holy Communion**



First Holy Communion Meeting

2018

I. Mass Attendance

Please bring your child to weekly Mass. It is important that they learn the parts of Mass, know the responses, and start to understand that they are preparing to share a special meal with Jesus. We encourage your family to sit as close to the front of the Church as possible. This helps the students learn more and it leads to better behavior during Mass. We ask parents to begin the "shift" during Mass time. Our second grade students should no longer play with toys or need snacks during Mass.

II. Practice with your child

At home, practice with your child; show how to receive the Eucharist by saying "Amen" when the Priest holds up the Eucharist and says "This is the Body of Christ." The children have been taught to place the hand they write with underneath their other hand when receiving. When the Priest places the Eucharist in their hand, they step to the side (facing the altar) and then place the Eucharist in their mouth using their bottom hand. Then they return to their row, kneel, and in the silence of their heart, speak to Jesus quietly and privately.

Prayers to review are the Lord's Prayer, Hail Mary, Glory Be, Grace Before Meals and the Prayer of Sorrow.

III. First Holy Communion Retreat

Sunday, March 4 Parents and children are asked to attend the 12:30 p.m. Mass and the children and one parent come to the classrooms to begin the retreat at 1:30 p.m. The day usually ends around 4:30 p.m. We will be asking for parental support in supplying the snacks for the retreat day. Further information pertaining to the Retreat can be found on page 4.

IV. Penance

Please have your child receive Penance one more time before receiving First Holy Communion.

V. First Holy Communion practice

Students receiving First Holy Communion and at least one parent are asked to attend Communion practice. Please allow for extra time on the day of practice if needed.

Those receiving First Holy Communion at **9:00am Mass**, practice is:

April 30: 4:30 – 5:45 pm.

Those receiving First Holy Communion at **11:30amAM Mass**, practice is:

May 2: 4:30 – 5:45 pm.

VI. Attire

Boys are required to wear a blue or white suit, white dress shirt, white tie and white or black dress shoes (**No sneakers or deck shoes.**). Boys are permitted to wear a boutonniere. Please hold all religious items until after Mass.

Girls wear white dresses and white shoes. (**No strapless or off the shoulder dresses, high heels or make-up are permitted.**) All girls are requested to wear either a veil or wreath. (**No hats**). The wreath may be made of silk or fresh flowers. Gloves are not to be worn during Mass. Please hold all flowers, purses, religious items and gloves until after Mass.

Donations: Any family who would like to donate their child's First Holy Communion outfit to help a needy family can do so by leaving it in the main office addressed to Dominica Vullo. New donations are also welcome.

VII. Pictures and Video

You may take pictures, however, no one is permitted to stand up or leave his/her seat during the ceremony to take them. *Please inform your guests of this policy.*

As a gift from the Church of St. Catharine, each child will receive a 4x6 picture that will be taken from a photographer when your child receives their First Communion. (We will contact you once they arrive.)

A photographer will also be available to take portraits on May 5. An order form can be found on page 7 .

Each family will receive a Digital Download of the Communion Service. The Digital Download link will be sent to your email address, approximately 6 to 8 weeks after the Communion. If you wish to share the video with members of your family or friends you

can forward the email to them and they can also download the video. The video will be in HD and can be viewed on Smart phones, Tablets, Computers and Smart TV's. Please complete the Digital Download form on page 5.

VIII. Guests

To ensure that we have enough room in the Church for all family members, we are asking each family to limit the number of guests to the Church to 10 guests. Due to the Reverence of the Celebration of Mass, we ask that you remind your guests about Church etiquette and to support the students in the sacredness of the Sacrament.

IX. Date of First Holy Communion is Saturday, May 5, 2018

On First Holy Communion day, parents and first communicants are to arrive and report to the scheduled classroom no later than:

- 8:30 for 9:00am Mass
- 11:00 for 11:30am Mass

If you are going to have your child's picture taken prior to Mass, please give yourself an additional half hour.

9:00 am First Holy Communion Mass:

Mr. Cardinale, Mr. & Mrs. Lavin, Mrs. Milan, & Mrs. Straley (Mon).

11:30 am First Holy Communion Mass:

Mrs. Brooks, Mrs. Milan, Mrs. Napolitano & Mrs. Sobon (Wed).

X. First Mass

Please have your child come dressed in their First Holy Communion attire to any of the Masses on May 5th or May 6th, so that our community can share in the celebration. Mass schedule is Sat. 5:00 pm, Sun. 8:00 am, 9:30 am, 11:00 am, and 12:30 pm.



First Holy Communion Retreat: March 4, 2018

TO: PARENTS OF CHILDREN RECEIVING FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

On Sunday, March 4 we are going to have our First Holy Communion Retreat. The Retreat will begin immediately following 12:30 Mass. We encourage all families to attend any Mass on that day.

Children and One Parent should report to their Child's assigned classroom by **1:25**. The retreat ends at 4:30.

We have many special and fun events planned for our second graders, including a visit to the church where they will receive an unblessed host. Please make every effort to bring your child to this special event.

We will be asking the parents to help supply the refreshments for the retreat day. More information and sign-ups will be coming as we get closer to March!

Children should report to the following rooms at 1:25:

Mr. Cardinale	Room #: 3
Mrs. Brooks	Room #: 11
Mr. & Mrs. Lavin	Room #: 4
Mrs. Milan	Room #: 6
Mrs. Naplitano	Room #: 10
Mrs. Sobon	Room #: 9
Mrs. Straley	Room #: 5

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Digital Download Form

EACH CHILD RECEIVING FIRST HOLY COMMUNION
WILL BE SENT A DIGITAL DOWNLOAD VIA EMAIL

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION DATE May 5, 2018

Vision Photo and Video, LLC.

335 Maple Place

Keyport, NJ 07735

(732) 888 – 2786

robrink@optonline.net

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Please allow 6 - 8 weeks for the digital download.

Return bottom portion with order.

Church of Saint Catharine 2018 First Holy Communion Information form

Please print

Name: _____ Telephone: _____

*Email Address: _____

Please check the time your child is receiving First Holy Communion:

___ 9:00 AM

___ 11:30 AM

CHURCH OF SAINT CATHARINE

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION



PACKAGE 1
\$58.00
Three Poses
 3 - 8x10's
 3 - 5x7's
 3 - Sheets of Wallets



PACKAGE 2
\$95.00
Three Poses
 1 - 11x14 Collage
 3 - 8x10's
 3 - 5x7's
 3 - Sheets of Wallets
 Digital Download of Photos



Thank You Cards:
 6 x 7.5 inches
 (50 Cards Minimum)
\$50.00

Add-On Prices:
 (Add -On to Packages Only)

- 11x14 Photo - \$35.00
- 8x10 Photo - \$12.00
- 5x7 Photo - \$6.00
- Sheet of Wallets - \$6.00
- 11x14 Collage - \$58.00
- 16x20 Collage - \$78.00

Family Portraits
 also may be
 added-on

- 8x10=\$25.00
- 11x14=\$35.00



Photo shoots will be in
 Church of Saint Catharine
 May 5th, 2018
UPSTAIRS IN
CLASSROOM #16 & #17
BEFORE AND AFTER
MASS
 Call to book
 your 10 minute
 time slot
(732) 671-1973

Visit our website for more Samples: www.RitaHeusel.smugmug.com

RITA HEUSEL ⁶ PHOTOGRAPHY

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**CHURCH OF SAINT CATHARINE
FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**

**BEFORE & AFTER THE 9:00 & 11:30 COMMUNION MASS
UPSTAIRES IN CLASSROOM #16 & #17 on MAY 5TH, 2018**

RITA HEUSEL PHOTOGRAPHY



Student Name: _____ E-Mail Address: _____

Parent Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

**CALL 732.671.1973 TO SCHEDULE YOUR TIME SLOT
YOU MAY SCHEDULE SHOOT BEFORE OR AFTER YOUR COMMUNION MASS ON MAY 5TH, 2018**

Package Choice: (check one)
Each package includes three (3) different poses

PACKAGE 1
\$58.00

3 - 8x10's
3 - 5x7's
3 - Sheets of Wallets

PACKAGE 2
\$95.00

1 - 11x14 Collage
3 - 8x10's
3 - 5x7's
3 - Sheets of Wallets
Digital Download of Photos

COLLAGE 11X14 IS INCLUDED
WITH PACKAGE #2



Posing Choices: (circle three of the poses below)



(ITEMS MAY BE ADDED TO YOUR PACKAGE)

Add-On Choices:

Photo Add-On	Price Per Unit	Number of Units	Total Price
11x14 Photo	\$35.00		
8x10 Photo	\$12.00		
5x7 Photo	\$6.00		
Sheet of Wallets (4 photos per sheet)	\$6.00		
11x14 Collage	\$58.00		
16x20 Collage	\$78.00		
Thank You Cards (set of 50)	\$50.00		

Add-on items may be added to Package 1 or 2.
Family Portraits also may be added-on
Prices for Family Portraits are:
8x10=\$25.00 11x14=\$35.00

Total Add-On Cost:	
Total Package Cost:	CIRCLE ONE: \$58. OR \$95.
Total Amount Enclosed:	

Please attach payment to form, payment may be cash, check
or if paying by credit card please write:

Credit card # _____

Expiration Date: _____ Secicity Code _____ Zip Code _____

VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE SAMPLES: RitaHeusel.smugmug.com
(732) 671-1973 7 RitaHeuselPhotography@comcast.net

Prayers



The Sign of the Cross

In the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name;
Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.

Hail Mary

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you.
Blessed are you among women,
and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners
now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

Glory Be to the Father

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.

Grace Before Meals

Bless us, O Lord, and these your gifts which we are about to receive
from your goodness. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer of Sorrow/Act of Contrition

My God,
I am sorry for my sins with all my heart.
In choosing to do wrong and failing to do good,
I have sinned against you, whom I should love above all things.
I firmly intend, with your help, to do penance, to sin no more,
and to avoid whatever leads me to sin.
Our Savior Jesus Christ suffered and died for us.
In his name, my God, have mercy.