

## 2019 FIRST RECONCILIATION/ FIRST COMMUNION

### INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

October 2018

Dear Parents and Guardians:

This letter is to inform you about the sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Communion which will be held in St. Bernard Parish. Please mark these important dates in your calendar.

**PARENT INFORMATION MEETING:** Monday, November 19<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm at St. Bernard's.

It is **mandatory** that at least one parent/guardian attends this information meeting which will be held at St. Bernard Church. The meeting will cover the most important aspects of the upcoming celebrations and will be hosted by the Sacramental preparation team. Your children are also welcome, as the meeting should be no longer than 45 minutes.

**SIGN UP:** You will need to sign your child up for a particular mass at which they will celebrate their First Holy Communion. The mass dates and times for the First Reconciliation/First Communion are listed below.

**FEE:** A \$20.00 fee will be charged to cover these sacraments. To help you prepare your child, a copy of "*We Share the Eucharist*", an age appropriate workbook will be provided at this time and the sacramental team will review them at the enrolment mass.

#### **MONTHLY MASSES:**

As part of your child's faith formation, special masses will be held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of January, February and March at 1:30 pm at St. Bernard Church. These masses will be geared to children registered to receive the sacraments of Reconciliation and First Communion. These children are expected to attend with their families.

**A special enrolment mass** will be take place on the first of these Sundays, **January 20<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 pm**.

During the enrolment ceremony, the children will receive a blessing and a special enrolment cross. There will be a small celebration after this mass with cake, juice, coffee and tea. It is important for your child to attend this special day.

## **FIRST RECONCILIATION**

Two evenings have been set aside at St. Bernard's Church for the children to receive their First Reconciliation:

**Wednesday March 20<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday March 27<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm.**

Your child must attend on one of these evenings to receive the sacrament of First Reconciliation before receiving the sacrament of First Communion. If you cannot attend one of these evenings, you will need to meet with Father and coordinate a time to do so.

## **BAPTISM:**

If your child has not been **baptized** but you would like him/her to receive these sacraments next spring, we want to advise you that baptisms are held the last Sunday of every month. Please note that your child must be baptized no later than the last Sunday of **November 2018**. Children not baptized by that time **will not receive these sacraments in 2019**.

To register your child for Baptism, please call the parish office, 613-738-1943.

## **FIRST COMMUNION:**

The 2019 First Communion masses will be celebrated at St. Bernard's Church on these dates:

St. Bernard School: Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup> at 11:00am or 1:30pm

St. Thomas More School: Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup> at 11:00am or 1:30pm

St. Marguerite D'Youville School: Sunday, May 12<sup>th</sup> at 11:00am or 1:30pm

All information regarding the sacraments can be found at [www.saintbernardparish.com](http://www.saintbernardparish.com)

**IMPORTANT:** Please find attached a Registration Form which needs to be completed for all children who will be receiving their sacraments in 2019. This form must be filled out and returned to the parish with a photocopy of your child's Baptism certificate at the Parent Information Meeting on November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

Please call the parish office 613-738-1943, if you need to change the mass time and/or day selected for your child's sacrament of First Holy Communion.

Finally, we would like to welcome you to St. Bernard Parish and we look forward to a great Sacramental Celebration. See you all on Monday, November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 7:00 pm.

God bless you all.

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