

First Penance and First Holy Communion Parent Meeting



ANNUNCIATION - OUR LADY OF FATIMA

Tuesday December 7th 2021

First Penance

Location: Our Lady of Fatima Church

- **AES: Saturday February 5, 2022**

- 2A, 11am
- 2B, 1pm

- **Religious Education: Saturday February 12, 2022**

- A-K (last names), 11am
- J-Z (last names), 1pm

- Each session is expected to run about 1hr, please allow for 1.5 hours.
- Practices for First Penance will occur during class time.

First Penance

- Attire: Sunday church attire
- Each child will be assigned a full pew.
- That allows about 7 guests per child (including parents). There will be no tickets.
- If there is additional room, guests will be allowed to enter on a first come, first serve basis.

First Holy Communion

Location: Annunciation Church

- **AES: Saturday May 7, 2022**
 - 2A, 10am
 - 2B, 12pm
- **Religious Education: Saturday May 14, 2022**
 - A-K (last names): 10am
 - J-Z (last names): 12pm
- Each session is expected to run about 1hr, please allow for 1.5 hours.

First Holy Communion

- Practices for First Holy Communion will occur during class time for AES students.
- Practices for Religious Education students are as follows:
 - **A-K: Monday May 9, 2022 & Wednesday May 11, 2022, both at 6:30pm**
 - **J-Z: Tuesday May 10, 2022 & Thursday May 12, 2022, both at 6:30pm**
 - Practices run about one hour.

First Holy Communion

Girls: White dress, veil or hair bow or wreath of flowers, white shoes and anklets or tights. Please no makeup, nail polish, flowers, gloves or pocketbooks.

Boys: Navy blue or white jacket and navy blue or white dress slacks, shoes, socks, white shirt and white tie. Armbands are optional.

- *Boutonnieres supplied.*

First Holy Communion

Seating:

- Each child will be assigned a full pew.
- That allows about 7 guests per child (including parents). There will be no tickets.
- If there is additional room, guests will be allowed to enter on a first come, first serve basis.

First Holy Communion

Photography:

A photographer is booked for First Holy Communion.

More specific information will be distributed in the beginning of 2022.

Pictures inside the Church should be taken only from your pew.

Information about First Communion Banners



- First Communion banners are made of felt or other cloth connected to a dowel. They hang at the end of each family's pew during the celebration of First Communion.
- The suggested size for the banner is 10"x12", but variations of an inch or two on either side won't hurt. Please be conscious that our pews are very wide, so your ribbon needs to be at least 33" to fit over the end of the pew.
- Banners have the **child's last name** and a representation of the Eucharist, such as a chalice, grapes or wheat.
- Families with banners from their older children may use that banner instead of making a new one.

Information about First Communion Banners

For families that are making a banner **for the first time**, there are many options. *Here are a few to help you get started:*

For those who enjoy crafts, you can purchase the materials at JoAnn's or any other craft store and make your banner.

For those who prefer to use a banner kit, here are a few options:

- Thistles n Things or 914- 793-0036
- Order online from suppliers such as:
 - Catholic Supply
 - Faith Matters

Information about First Communion Banners

Banners must be submitted by the relevant deadlines:

- *Religious Education: At the first communion practice*
- *AES: Date set by school*

Additional

More specific details will be distributed in the new year following First Penance.

This includes: participation within the First Communion Mass, seating confirmation, of finalized guest details, May Crowning, etc..

Unfortunately, COVID is still a relevant factor in the planning and finalizing of the sacraments. Please note that all the provided information is subject to change at any time as we will be following the recommendations/mandates of the CDC and Archdiocese of NY.



Thank you!