

Our Lady Star of the Sea

FIRST RECONCILIATION and HOLY COMMUNION

Reminder | Requirement Check-Off List

- MEETINGS and WORKSHOPS:** To ensure parents fully understand requirements and expectations, parent attendance is required.
- NEWLY ENROLLED &/OR TRANSFER STUDENTS:** Preparation for Holy Communion is a **two year preparation process**. Students transferring from another parish need to provide **proof of Year I completion** to include attendance and program participation. If this cannot be done, please call the Director of Religious Education at 410.326.3535x15.
- DUE BEFORE OCTOBER 20th: COMMUNICATION | FLOCKNOTE:** Flocknote is the program used for PREP and Sacramental preparation emails and texts. Parents are responsible for notifying the office with any email concerns and to ensure emails are not going to spam.
- DUE BEFORE OCTOBER 30th, 2023: COPY OF BAPTISMAL CERTIFICATE:** Baptismal certificates are required **prior to the start of classes**. Families that do not fulfill the requirement are at *risk of having the sacrament deferred* to the following year.
- PARISH REGISTRATION:** Families must be active and enrolled parishioners before the start of classes, this needs to be completed by **August 27th, 2023**.
- OLSS SCHOOL STUDENTS WHO ARE NOT PARISHONERS:** need a letter of approval from parish priest and/or Director of Religious Education. Letter of approval must be received by **November 30th, 2024** before name is removed from FHC distribution.
- DUE MARCH 1, 2024 FIRST HOLY COMMUNION INFORMATION SHEET:** All FHC Year II families are required to fill out FHC Info Sheet. This on-line submission, in addition to Baptismal certificates ensure your child's name is presented on certificates as parents wish AND sacrament is being properly recorded.
- FIRST PENANCE/WORKSHOP (Parents are required to attend):** Both PRE and School parents (mom **and** dad) are required to attend scheduled First Penance Service and Workshop. *Not attending (except for illness and death) results in the sacrament being deferred to the following year. Parents are responsible in rescheduling a meeting with the DRE.*
- FIRST HOLY COMMUNION WORKSHOP/PRACTICE (9-11am).** **Parents are required** to attend. Children will be assigned seating and will review receiving the Lord in reverence and piety.
- PRAYERS:** Teaching our children how to pray, begins at Baptism. Year II students **should already know** the following prayers: Sign of the Cross, Glory Be, Our Father, Hail Mary, Grace Before Meals. **By February** the children will have in addition the following prayers memorized: Guardian Angel, Act of Faith and Act of Contrition. All these prayers are available on FHC Preparation Page
- WEEKLY MASS REFLECTION:** All families preparing and receiving the sacraments of First Reconciliation and Holy Communion should be attending Mass on Sunday's and Holy Day's of Obligation. Children are asked to submit on-line reflection questions in their own words or family discussion.
- PYC ATTENDANCE and CLASS|HOMEWORK REMINDER:** To ensure students are prepared in the brief amount of time we have to support parents, **no more than 3 excused** absences are allowed. Can. 843 §1 Sacred ministers may not deny the sacraments to those who opportunely ask for them, are **properly disposed** and are not prohibited by law from receiving them. §2 According to their respective offices in the Church, both **pastors of souls and all other members of Christ's faithful have a duty to ensure that those who ask for the sacraments are prepared for their reception. This should be done through proper evangelization and catechetical instruction**, in accordance with the norms laid down by the competent authority.