

**Church of Saint Mary
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September 1, 2017

To: Parents of Children Preparing for First Penance and First Eucharist

Fr: Religious Formation Team

Re: Sacramental Preparation Program 2017-2018

We share in your excitement as your child prepares to receive the sacrament of Penance or Reconciliation! As we begin the year, please note these significant dates to reserve in the short-term and important action items:

Weekly Masses & Sign-in – Our parish has designated children’s Masses at 5:00 p.m. on Saturdays and 10:30 a.m. on Sundays. During these Masses, sacramental lessons and information are also presented by Father Mike and our catechist team. Prior to Mass, students are expected to sign-in to confirm attendance. Sign-in sheets are located in the Madonna Room in our Parish Center.

First Penance – Also known as “Reconciliation” or “Confession”, will take place on **Sunday, November 19 at 4:00 p.m.** Parents are to help their children memorize the following prayers in advance of receiving this sacrament: *The Sign of the Cross* and *The Act of Contrition*. Prayer cards will be distributed in advance to assist with practicing.

Parent Meeting - Additional program details will be provided and questions will be addressed during the upcoming meeting on **Tuesday, October 3**. Please complete and return the form below to indicate which session you plan to attend so that we can plan accordingly. You may place the form in the collection at Mass or drop it off at the Parish Center.

Thank you, in advance, for your cooperation and support!

SIGN-UP FORM FOR PARENTS’ MEETING: FIRST PENANCE & FIRST EUCHARIST

Student’s Name:	
Grade & School:	
Parent’s Name:	
I have read the memo and intend to enroll my child in the sacramental program. I plan to attend the following parent meeting on Tuesday, October 3 in the Parish Center during the (circle one):	
1:00 – 2:30 p.m. Session	7:00 – 8:30 p.m. Session
Parent Signature:	