

St. James Parish - Sacramental Program
First Eucharist Information

Please Note: Children are obligated to attend both practices

FIRST EUCHARIST: Saturday August 22, 2020

Session I: 9:30 AM

Session II: 11:30 AM

First Practice: Monday August 17, 2020

Session I 10:00 AM until 11:00 AM

Session II 11:15 AM until 12:15 AM

Second Practice : Thursday August 20, 2020

Session I 10:00 AM until 11:00 AM

Session II 11:15 AM until 12:15 AM

FIRST EUCHARIST: Saturday August 29, 2020

Session III: 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM

First Practice: Monday August 24, 2020

Session III 10:00 AM until 11:00 AM

Second Practice : Tuesday August 25, 2020

Session III 10:00 AM until 11:00 AM

SEATING:

EACH FAMILY WILL BE ALLOWED A MAXIMUM OF 6 GUESTS. This includes parents and family.

Your family pew will be marked with your child's name. The children will process into church as a group but sit with their family.

In accordance with social distancing practices every other row will be empty

THE DAY OF FIRST EUCHARIST:

Parents should bring their child to the **chapel of Red Bank Catholic High School**. Enter the side door adjacent to the atrium. The children should arrive twenty (20) minutes prior to the ceremony. **Children will be required to wear a mask at this time.**

They will be escorted to church by their catechists and be allowed to remove the mask when they process in 6ft apart. Upon sitting they will be asked to put on the mask provided.

Masks will be worn during the mass until it is time to receive the Eucharist.

RECEPTION OF THE SACRAMENT:

The children will then remove the mask just before leaving the pew. Parents and guests will continue to wear their masks.

Each child will approach the altar with both parents, one on each side. **ONLY THE CHILD WILL RECEIVE AT THIS TIME.** The parents and child turn and return to their respective pews. The congregation receives after all the First Communicants.

After the Mass the Children will be called up by name to receive their certificates. Social distances will be observed.

The children will not recess out.

After Mass each family will be asked to remain in their pew and will be called up one family at a time to take pictures in the sanctuary if they wish.

This is an important day in the life of your child. Please help to create a holy and reverent atmosphere for them by helping them to remain focused as they receive the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ for the first time.

FIRST EUCHARIST GIFT PACKAGES:

First Eucharist Gift Sets (including prayer book, rosary) and boy's white ties will be **given to the children after their second practice.**

FIRST EUCHARIST BANNERS:

If you have not yet submitted your child's banner you may drop it off at the rectory. (732-741-0500)

PHOTOGRAPHS:

The reception of a sacrament is a holy and sacred occasion. In order to keep the atmosphere as such during Holy Mass, we ask that no individual pictures be taken during the Mass. You will have an opportunity to take pictures after Mass.