

St. Margaret of Scotland Parish
First Eucharist Formation Schedule 2018 – 2019



Calendar for the Sacrament of First Eucharist Class of 2019

REVISED, with additional info as of Jan. 31, 2019

Attendance at all formation meetings and the First Eucharist retreat are a required part of the program.

Orientation Meeting – with children & parent	Monday, January 28	6:30 pm in church
First Book turn in Chapters 1-4(5)	Feb. 22 (CTT), Feb 24 (Sunday RE), Feb 26 (Tuesday RE)	
Retreat for Candidates and Parents	Saturday, March 16	9:00 am – 12:30 pm
Second Book turn in Chapters 5(6) – 8(10)	March 22 (CTT), March 24 (Sunday RE), Feb 26 (Tues RE)	
Foschi Picture Day (schedule through Foschi directly)	Saturday, March 30	8:30 am start in church
Rehearsal for April 28 th celebration	Thursday, April 25 @ 6pm	Church
First Communion Day #1 - April 28	12:30 pm Mass – <u>REPORT TO SOCIAL ROOM BY 12 NOON</u>	
Rehearsal day for May 12 th celebration	Thursday, May 9, @ 6 pm	Church
First Communion Day #2 - May 12	12:30 pm Mass – <u>REPORT TO SOCIAL ROOM BY 12 NOON</u>	

Questions or Concerns – please contact Madeline Romano, DRE at madeline@margaretofscotland.org

REMINDER: If regular Sunday Mass attendance has not been a part of your family's weekly schedule, I invite and strongly encourage you to please begin now to make this a part of your weekend routine. Weekly Mass attendance and participation is the source and the summit of who we are and what we do as Catholics. The candidates will begin to learn more about the Mass during this formation process. Having them begin to participate fully and actively at the weekly Eucharistic liturgy will help them to better understand what we do whenever we gather to celebrate and share this most wonderful sacrament. Your presence as a sacrament preparation family also gives the parish community the opportunity to greet you and offer prayers and encouragement as the children learn about and then join us to begin receiving Jesus in the Eucharist whenever they attend Mass.

Reminders for all meetings, important info blasts, and any last minute cancellations or changes will go out ONLY through the Remind Notification System. Please be sure your family is subscribed. To do so either text 81010 or email www.remind.com/join and enter the code: smosfe after the @.

Prayer For First Communicants

*Oh Jesus, we are preparing to receive you in Holy Communion.
Help us to be loving and kind, help us to receive you and believe in you.
Help us to always love you with all our hearts.
May we never forget the wonderful gift of You
that comes to us whenever we receive the Eucharist.
We pray this through Christ, our Lord.*

Amen

First Communion Dress Code

For First Communion, we hope to see all of our First Communicants dressed in their Sunday best. While it is traditional for girls to wear white dresses, shoes and veils, and the boys to wear white suits, it is not mandatory.

Boys: Dress pants, blazer, shoes, shirt and tie. If you do choose to have your son wear a suit, it does not have to be white.

Girls: Usually wear white dresses. Veils are not required, but if your daughter chooses to wear one, it must be firmly secured to her hair. Gloves, purses, flowers, etc., should not be worn/carried.

First Communicants are not to carry bibles, rosaries, etc. Parents should please keep them. Msgr. is happy to bless any religious jewelry or objects following Mass on First Communion Day. Any questions or concerns, feel free to contact Madeline Romano: madeline@margaretofscotland.org, 834-0225x103

Suggestions

- This book follows the order of Mass, so regular Mass attendance will be most helpful. This is a wonderful opportunity to refocus on the gift of the Eucharist and what it means to us as Catholics. It will help the children make the connections between what they are learning and what we do at Mass.
- Do not race through multiple chapters all at once. It is best to work on a chapter, and when you come to Mass, point out and later discuss what was learned in the book. If you find any areas where the children have trouble, don't be afraid to get in touch – that's why I'm here!
- Have the children bring the smaller *My Mass Booklet* to Mass with them so that they can follow along. This book is your child's to keep and does not get turned in with the Eucharist textbook.

First Eucharist Program Check off sheet

If this section is not filled out, we have all necessary paperwork and payments. If we are missing any paperwork or payment, it will be noted here.

Payment of Sacrament fees are also now due. If you feel that you may have received notification of an outstanding sacrament fee in error, please contact Madeline Romano. It would be best to provide a copy of the check so that we can make record of it. Thank you in advance for attending to this important matter.

Family Name: _____

_____ Please provide a copy of your child's Baptismal Certificate. It is now due.

_____ Our records show that you have an outstanding sacrament fee of _____.
It is now due.