

St. Catherine of Siena Parish
Pittstown, New Jersey

FIRST EUCHARIST TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Attire Guidelines

Girls: Any white color dress & preferably white shoes and socks or tights.

Boys: Nice dress pants & shirt preferably with a tie along with dress socks & shoes.

The children cannot carry nor have anything in their hands--no corsages, gloves, rosaries, bibles, flowers, bouquets, or boutonnieres.

Please remember we are celebrating your child receiving Jesus in the Eucharist.

Important Information

Seating: Each family will have one reserved row of chairs (11 chairs/row). There will be a small amount of additional seating in the back. No reserving seats, first come first serve.

Picture/Video taking: We ask that you refrain from taking pictures during Mass. It is important that the children not be distracted during the Mass. Please inform your guests of this rule. After the Mass pictures may be taken.

Banners: Instructions for the banner are attached. Banners should be completed and brought to the practice session.

Required Fast: Fasting 1 hour before Mass is the rule. This means no soda, juice, gum, food or candy should be eaten. Water and medicine may be taken if necessary. Please refrain from bringing any food or drinks to church. It is liturgically incorrect.

The Day of First Eucharist

- Please have your child arrive at the Parish Center ***by 9:40am.***
- Parents and remaining family members are asked to remain in the worship space. Again, please extend this request to your guests.
- When the children process in, this is your opportunity to take photos *from your seats.*
- **ALL** photo/video taking must cease once the children enter the pew.
- The child will sit on the end of the pew closest to the main aisle.

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Continued Preparation

Since the children have already received the Sacrament of First Reconciliation, it is encouraged that the children continue to celebrate this sacrament and it is also critical for each parent to celebrate it as well. Children learn best from example.

Also, as a reminder, a critical part of your child's faith journey is attending and participating in weekly Mass. We want the children to be comfortable with their surroundings when at Mass. It will help the celebration of First Eucharist run more smoothly if the children are familiar with St. Catherine's.

GROUP	SPE1 (Children Only) <i>Tuesdays</i>	SPE2 (Children Only) <i>Tuesdays</i>	SPE3 (Children Only) <i>Tuesdays</i>
A	2/15 4:30pm	3/8 4:30pm	3/29 4:30pm
	(or)	(or)	(or)
B	2/22 4:30pm	3/15 4:30pm	4/5 4:30pm

RETREAT Parents & child <i>Saturday</i>	Eucharist* PRACTICE <i>Tuesdays</i>	EUCHARIST CELEBRATION <i>Saturdays</i>
4/9-10:00am – 12:00pm	5/3-4:30pm – 5:30pm	5/7 @ 10:00 AM
4/9-10:00am – 12:00pm	5/10-4:30pm – 5:30pm	5/14 @ 10:00 AM

Group A = W2A (Sandra Nenna) + CS	Group B = W2B (Terri Saccal) + M2A (Mary Evers)
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*Notify Deacon Tony which session you will be attending.

If you or your child's older siblings would like to participate in the Celebration of 1st Eucharist, we offer the following ways: currently trained altar servers; reading of the intercessions; or be a greeter and hand out worship aids (3rd grade & up). Please contact Deacon Tony as soon as possible.

Retreat Day Information: Please be prompt. Due to our limited space we cannot offer childcare for siblings. Please make alternate arrangements. Plan for the retreat to run at least two hours.

PLEASE BRING: memorabilia (non-breakable) from your child's baptism. Items could include their outfit, photos, candle, etc. Please do not show these items to the children prior to the retreat day.