

***Saint Francis de Sales Parish - Religious Education***  
**SACRAMENTS OF FIRST RECONCILIATION & HOLY COMMUNION ~**

*The Sacrament of First Reconciliation is Wednesday January 24, 2024 at 6:30pm*

*The Sacrament of First Holy Communion is:*

*Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup> 11:00 A.M. =, Classes 2A SFDFSCA Last names A-L*  
*Class 2A Religious Education*

*Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup> 1:00 P.M.= Class 2BSFDFSCA Last names A-P*  
*Class 2B Religious Education*

*Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup> 11:00 A.M. = Classes 2A SFDFSCA Last names M-T &*  
*2B last names , Q-W and Class 2C Religious Education*

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Child's Name	First	Middle Initial	Last
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Address	City	State	Zip
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Date of Birth:

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Date of Baptism:

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Church of Baptism:

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*NOTE: If your child was NOT baptized at the Church of Saint Francis de Sales then you will need to obtain a new copy of your child's baptismal certificate to submit with this application. If your child was baptized here at the Church of St. Francis de Sales no baptismal certificate is required we will check Register.*

Contact number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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Father's Name	First	Middle Initial	Last
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Mother's Maiden Name	First	Middle Initial	Last
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Does your child have any special medical needs and/or concerns, this includes allergies to specific foods and medications, learning, or legal needs:

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**Application Fee: Application Fee is: \$150.00 per child.**  
**Note: Fee covers the costs for Proximate Preparations, Retreat, Banner Kit, Sacramentals, photographer etc. Application and Fee Due no later than January 19, 2024. Return the entire application and fee together. Cash/Checks payable to: St. Francis de Sales Church**

**Celebrating the Sacraments of  
First Reconciliation & Holy Communion  
Church of Saint Francis de Sales  
~ 2024 ~**

**Reminders - Please KEEP for your Reference**

Proximate Preparation for First Reconciliation & Holy Communion (for both Parents & Children) are scheduled for:

***Sunday, December 3, 2023 Beginning at 1:00pm***

May 4, @ 11:00am December 3, 2023 at 1:00- 2:30 pm

May 4 @ 1:00pm December 3, 2023 at 2:45- 4:15 pm

May 11 @ 11:00am December 3, 2023 at 4:30-6:00pm

Please keep to your assigned time for the ceremony you will be celebrating so we keep our numbers even.

*NOTE: The Proximate Preparation Retreat is a Diocesan mandatory requirement for both parents and children receiving a Sacrament..*

**Your Child is scheduled to receive the Sacraments of:**

\_\_\_ *First Penance – Wednesday , JANUARY 24 TH*                      \_\_\_ *6:30 P.M. (All Classes)*

\_\_\_ *First Holy Communion - SATURDAY, MAY 4TH*                      \_\_\_ *11:00 A.M.*

\_\_\_ *First Holy Communion - SATURDAY, MAY 4TH*                      \_\_\_ *1:00 P.M.*

\_\_\_ *First Holy Communion-SATURDAY, MAY 13<sup>TH</sup>*                      \_\_\_ *11:00 A.M.*

***NOTE: Arrival time for First Reconciliation is 6:15 P.M., please go directly to the Church.***

***Arrival time for First Holy Communion is 10:30 A.M. and 12:30 P.M., please go to the Academy Hall.***

Practice for the May 4, 11:00 ceremony will be on Monday May 1<sup>st</sup> 3:30-4:30 pm

Practice for the May 4, 1:00 ceremony will be on Tuesday May 2<sup>nd</sup> 3:30-4:30 pm

Practice for the May 11<sup>th</sup> 11:00 ceremony will be on Monday May 8<sup>th</sup> 3:30-4:30 pm

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## ***Guidelines for First Holy Communion***

***Please KEEP for your Reference***

**Church Seating:** one pew per family will be reserved. Upon entering into the Church, please look for your child's First Holy Communion Banner, which will be posted to a pew. At the end of Holy Mass, please take home the banner.

**First Communion Banner:** please return to your child's Catechist THE DAY OF YOUR PRACTICE. Please design your child's first name on the front of the banner (kit includes instructions). On the back of the banner clearly print your child's first and last name. **Kindly use only the banner kit that has been issued to you.**

**First Communion Attire:** Traditional white attire is encouraged. However, appropriate attire is mandated:

Young Ladies must wear a dress and may use a white head veil.

Young Gentlemen should wear a jacket and pants or a suit

No gloves are permitted. Flower bouquets maybe presented after Mass not during Mass. Hands need to be free of any articles.

**Video/Photography:** a professional photographer will be available and prints will be made available to print. Each child will be photographed receiving Communion for the first time, therefore flash photography is not permitted during Mass. There will be an opportunity for children to be photographed with Parish Priests after Mass. Kindly follow the instructions of the Church Ushers.

**Rite of Communion:** Holy Communion will be distributed to children first then to the congregation.

**Church Protocol:** We appreciate your cooperation as to assure solemnity throughout our liturgy in support of our children who are about to receive the Most Precious Body and Blood of Christ. Your attention to please observe the following:

Turn off all cellular phones and communication devices.

Please refrain from unnecessary talking.

Please remain in your seats.

Flash photography is not permitted during Holy Mass.

We encourage all to participate in responding and singing during Holy Mass  
(Program Booklets will be available).

Kindly follow the instructions of the Church Ushers.

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**We look forward to celebrating your child's First Reconciliation and Holy Communion with the greatest love and reverence as they prepare to receive our Lord and God, Jesus Christ.**

**At any time you have a question or need assistance, kindly call us at 718-045-6911 or [www.sfdsparish.org](http://www.sfdsparish.org)**