

St. Philip Church & St. Clare Mission

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Dear Parents / Guardians of Grade 2 Students,

On Wednesday September 27, 2017, we will be hosting an Information Night at St Philip's Church (in the hall...127 Burke Street) from 6:30-7pm. If you would like your child to receive their sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Communion this year, your attendance is required at this meeting.

We will need some documentation from you in order to register your child. Please bring:

- 1) a copy of their Baptismal certificate
- 2) The completed 'Information Sheet' (attached)
- 3) a cheque payable to St Philip Church in the amount of \$40. (this pays for the materials provided for the sacramental preparation...there is no charge for the sacrament)
- 4) A wallet size photo of your child (optional) – this will be put on a banner in the church, reminding our parishioners to pray for the children preparing for the sacraments

**Dates to Remember:**

The full list of required dates is on the reverse side of this page. Please put them on your calendar now as we cannot offer alternate dates.

If you have any questions, please give the parish office a call at 613-838-2314.

Sincerely,

Fr Poole and the Sacramental Team

**~Please see Reverse for important dates~**

**St. Philip Church & St. Clare Mission - 613-838-2314**

**Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Communion - 2017-2018 School Year**

Dear Parents and Guardians,

In the next school year (starting in September 2017), those Catholic students who wish to celebrate the sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Communion will be welcomed to do so. We have set out our calendar of dates early, and we present it to you below. We have done this so that you may plan ahead to ensure that you and your child are available for all the dates – including the introductory meeting, the Enrollment Mass, the preparation workshop and the date of the celebration of the Sacrament. Students need to attend all the preparation dates in order to be well prepared.

Wednesday September 27, 2017, 6:30-7pm, St Philip Parish Hall

- Sacrament information night. Parents will need to bring a photocopy of the student's baptismal certificate and the completed registration forms (given to the students the first week of September, see above). Note: if parents have questions or concerns about the baptismal certificates of their children, they should call the parish of baptism during the summer (as these requests take some time).

Thursday October 5, 2017

- Final deadline for the return of ALL baptismal certificates and other paperwork for any student wishing to receive the sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Communion.

Sunday Oct 15, 2017 (10:30am Mass) OR Sunday October 29 (10:30am Mass), St Philips Church

- Grade 2 Welcome Mass for all First Reconciliation and First Communion candidates and their parents

\*Saturday February 17, 2018 – 10-11am, St Philip Hall

- Designed for students who DO NOT go to St Philip School - First Reconciliation workshop for students (and their parents). Students will be offered the opportunity to make their first Reconciliation after the workshop. Other grade 2 students/parents are welcome to attend IF they RSVP by Thursday February 1<sup>st</sup> by calling the church office at 838-2314.

Tuesday February 20 OR Tuesday February 27, 2018 - 1:30-3:30pm (during school), St Philips Church

- First Reconciliation for St Philip School students (Children will be grouped by class...class dates to be confirmed)

\*Saturday, March 24, 2018 – 10-11am, St Philip Hall

- Designed for students who DO NOT go to St Philip School - First Communion workshop for students (and their parents). Other grade 2 students/parents welcome to attend IF they RSVP by Thurs. March 1<sup>st</sup> by calling office-838-2314.

Sunday April 15, 2018, 1pm, St Philip Church

- First Communion Day for St Philip School Group 1 (groups to be determined)

Sunday April 22, 2018, 1pm, St Philip Church

- First Communion Day for St Philip School Group 2 (groups to be determined)

Sunday April 29, 2018, 1pm, St Philip Church

- First Communion Day for St Philip School Group 3 (if needed)

Please call the parish office (613-838-2314) if you have any questions.

**Blessings,**

**Fr Bob Poole and the St Philip Church Sacramental Team**

**We need some parents to help with the sacramental preparation! Just a little of your time can make this a wonderful experience for the children. Please call Dana Kean at 613-838-3777 to find out more.**