

September 26, 2024

Hello parents,

Thank you for attending our information session yesterday evening. We are sending this email to provide further details regarding registration, and to highlight key information from yesterday's meeting.

Who can receive the Sacraments of First Communion and Reconciliation at St. Philip Parish?

The Sacrament of Confirmation is offered at St. Philip Parish to children who:

- are in grade 2 or higher in the 2024-2025 school year, and
- have received the Sacraments of Baptism
- meets one of the following:
 - o attends St. Philip Church in Richmond, or St. Clare's Mission in Dwyer Hill;
 - o attends St. Philip Catholic School; or
 - o lives in Richmond.

If your family doesn't fall within this criteria, please contact the Parish Office at welcomhome1819@gmail.com for more information.

Online Registration – Due by Friday, October 4th at 5:00pm

Please complete this [Registration Form](#) by Friday, October 4th at 5:00pm. We regret that we cannot extend this deadline as we must order supplies in time for the start of the program.

You will be asked to upload the following on the Google Registration Form:

- Copy of the child's baptismal certificate
- Picture of your child (optional, more details about this on the form)

Payment for Supplies – Due by Friday, October 4th at 5:00pm

The \$45 fee is for books and supplies. We respectfully ask you to pay this in one of two ways:

a) by eTransfer (Preferred method) - eTransfers can be made by sending payment through your bank to our email address (welcomhome1819@gmail.com). The parish uses automatic deposit, so no security question is required. On the "Message" line, please write 'your child's full name / First Communion supplies fee'

b) by cheque - Please write the cheque to St. Philip Parish and mail to our office (127 Burke St., P.O. Box 59, Richmond, Ontario, K0A 2Z0). On the memo line, please write 'child's name / First Communion supplies fee.' *Please note that our office is open for on-site service one day per week (Wednesdays from 9am to 1:30pm) so in-person drop-off times are limited. Payments of cheques are preferred by mail.

Enrolment Masses – Weekend of October 19th and 20th

Children are asked to attend one of two enrolment masses at St Philip Parish, which are scheduled for Saturday, October 19th at 4:30pm and Sunday, October 20th at 10:30am. You will be able to choose your preferred Mass when filling out the Registration form.

At these Welcome Masses, the children are introduced to the parish community. The community will continue to pray for the children throughout their sacramental preparation.

Sacrament of First Reconciliation - Saturday Feb 8, 2025

First Reconciliation will take place Saturday Feb 8, 2025 from 10am to 12 noon. More information will follow.

The children will have the opportunity to prepare crafts that relate to First Reconciliation in advance of the sacrament.

First Communion - Saturday April 26th and Saturday May 3rd, 2025

Your child's First Communion will take place one of the following dates:

- Saturday April 26th at 2:00pm or
- Saturday, May 3rd at 2:00pm

PLEASE HOLD BOTH THESE DATES. Your child's assigned date will be communicated to you early in 2025.

Volunteers Needed!

Please indicate on the registration form whether you are willing to volunteer in any capacity, and feel free to reach out to Elizabeth Murawsky at elizabeth.levett16@gmail.com

Mailing List for Parish News

The email address you have provided has been added ***FOR TWO WEEKS ONLY*** to the distribution list of our weekly 'Parish News' bulletin. After two weeks, you will no longer receive the news bulletin **unless you email our office to tell us you would like to keep receiving it**. This news bulletin has quick links to the parish bulletin, online Masses, and important parish news.

Important Links:

Please be sure to visit the Parish website (www.stphilips-church.com) where you will find information about our masses, and other events happening at the church. On the [Parish's YouTube channel](#) you will find the most recent live-streamed masses.

Questions?

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Parish Office at welcomhome1819@gmail.com or the First Communion/First Reconciliation Coordinator, Elizabeth Murawsky at elizabeth.levett16@gmail.com