

**St. John Chrysostom Church
4750 Washington Street
West Roxbury, MA 02132**

August, 2008

Dear Parents and Guardians of First Eucharist students,

This year is special for you and your family as your child continues his/her preparation for First Communion. We feel strongly that you as parents have a tremendously important role in this preparation – a role you carry out simply by being good Christian parents. We wish to support you in this role. Teachers in the First Eucharist Program are ready to assist you in preparing your child for the Eucharist. By working together with you, we hope to offer your child the very best preparation for First Communion.

Students in Catholic schools are asked to attend Sunday classes for this year only. This enables your child to become a member of the First Eucharist program and to be more comfortable in our parish community.

Registration is on Sunday, September 16th, in the Parish Center lobby. You will be asked to complete a registration form for your child and to submit the \$65.00 fee, which covers the cost of the textbook and supplies. You may obtain a registration form in advance in the parish office to expedite the process. **At registration we require that you please provide a copy of your child's baptismal certificate if he/she was baptized at a church other than St. John's. If your child was baptized at St. John's, please inform us in writing specifying the date so we can confirm this with our records.** Classes begin on Sunday, September 23rd. **We ask that your child be here by 8:50 a.m., as classes begin promptly at 9:00 a.m. Classes will end at 9:55 a.m., and we request your cooperation in picking up your child on time at his/her classroom.**

On the first day of class, your child will receive a book, We Celebrate the Eucharist, which he/she will use for class and homework assignments. You can assist us in this phase of your child's preparation by reviewing the lesson and homework assignments each week. **The first parents' meeting will be on September 30th at 9:00 a.m. in the Parish Center.** All parents should plan to be at this and other parents' meetings listed on the calendar in order to be informed about the First Eucharist curriculum and First Communion Day plans.

Enclosed, you will find a copy of the schedule of classes and parents' meetings for this year and a copy of the prayers your child should know. We hope you will find a special place to keep this material so that you will be able to refer to it throughout the year.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call or to speak with any one of us in person. We look forward to working with you and your child.

Sincerely,



Mrs. Marie Sullivan and First Eucharist Teachers
Elementary Religious Education Coordinator

GRADES 1, 3-6

SEPTEMBER

7-Registration
14-Opening Class Grades 2-6
21- Class, Mass Grades 3 & 4
28-Class, Grade 1 begins

OCTOBER

5- Class
12-No Class-Columbus Day
19-Class
26-Class, Mass Grades 5&6

NOVEMBER

2-Class
9-No Class-Veteran's Day
16-Class, Mass Grades 1 & 2
23- Class
30-No Class-Thanksgiving

DECEMBER

7-Class
14-Class, Mass Grades 5&6
21-Class, Mass Grade 1 & 2
28- No Class-Christmas

JANUARY

4- Class
11-Class Mass Grades 3 & 4
18-No Class-Martin Luther King Day
25-Class

FEBRUARY

1-Class, Mass Grade 5 & 6
8-Class, Mass Grades 1 & 2
15-No Class-President's Day
22 -Class

MARCH

1-Class
8-Class
15-Class, Grade 4 Parent Meeting
21-First Penance
22-Class
29-Class

APRIL

5- Last Class,
Mass Grades 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, & 6

GRADE 2 First Eucharist

SEPTEMBER

7-Registration
14-Opening Class
21- Class
28-Class Parent Meeting

OCTOBER

5- Mass
12-No Class-Columbus Day
19-Class
26-Class

NOVEMBER

2-Class
9-No Class-Veteran's Day
16-Mass
23- Class
30-No Class-Thanksgiving

DECEMBER

7-Class
14-Class
21-Mass
28-No Class-Christmas

JANUARY

4-Class
11-Class
18-No Class-Martin Luther King Day
25-Class

FEBRUARY

1- Movie, Parent Meeting
8-Mass
15-No Class-President's Day
22-Class

MARCH

1- Class
8-Class
15- Class Parent Meeting
21- Parochial School Penance
22- Class
29-Class

APRIL

5- Mass
12-No Class-Easter
19- No Class April Vacation
26-Egg Coloring/Class Parts
30- Practice 3:30 PM

MAY

1-Practice 3:30 PM
2-First Communion Day
3- May Procession 9:00 Mass

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