

# **FIRST RECONCILIATION AND COMMUNION 2008-2009**

## **SPECIAL DATES TO REMEMBER**

**September 30, 2008** – *Initial Parent Information Meeting* – (Church – 7:00-8:00pm) at the Church. All parents of children preparing to celebrate the sacraments of Reconciliation and Communion. Parents will receive First Reconciliation Materials and Communion information packets including the *First Communion Celebration Request Form*.

**October 18 & 19, 2008** – *Rite of Enrollment* – Saturday & Sunday – 5:00pm, 7:00am, 9:00am, and 11:00am Masses. First Communicants and their parents along with Confirmation Candidates and their sponsors are expected to attend one of these Masses and return their family Enrollment Covenant during mass after the homily.

**November 1, 2008** – *Deadline to turn in First Communion Celebration Request Form* – Deadline for turning in requests to celebrate First Communion at a regular parish liturgy.

**November 10, 2008** – Celebration confirmation letters sent home for all celebrations of First Communion.

**November 17, 2008** – *First Reconciliation Family Meeting* – (Church – 7:00-8:30pm). Families are where a child first encounters reconciliation and forgiveness. This meeting will assist families in readying their child(ren) and their family to experience the sacrament of Reconciliation at St. Patrick. Instruction materials for First Communion will be distributed.

**March 30, 2009** – *First Communion Family Meeting* – (Church – 7:00-8:30pm). Meeting to assist parents in readying their child(ren) and their families to experience the sacrament of Communion at St. Patrick.

## **FIRST RECONCILIATION CELEBRATION OPTIONS**

**Parish Reconciliation Services** – December 15, 2008 at 7:15pm and March 24, 2009 at 7:15pm (Church) – First Reconciliations are encouraged to be celebrated as a part of parish Reconciliation service. Special accommodations will be made on December 15 to hear children making their First Reconciliation in an attempt to get them home earlier.

**Individual Reconciliations** may be made any Saturday after December 15, at the Church at 10:00am, or by appointment with any of our priests. Please advise the Faith Formation Office of your intent to celebrate using this option - *before you visit with the priest* - so that we may give you additional information.

**Note:** There are no group celebrations for First Reconciliation.

## **FIRST COMMUNION CELEBRATION OPTIONS**

**Parish Liturgy** (Sunday Mass) celebrations of First Communion are at weekend masses on April 25 & 26, 2009 or May 2 & 3, 2009. Please use the *First Communion Celebration Request Form* to request a celebration for you and your family to attend. Rehearsal for these options is on April 23, 2009 at 6:30pm at the church.

**Large Group Celebration** of First Communion is scheduled for Sunday, May 3, 2009, at 2:00pm. Rehearsal for this option is on April 30, 2009 at 6:30pm at the church.

**Note:** All dates and times are subject to change. Please read the Parish Bulletin or check the Formation page at: <http://www.stpatrickofhudson.org> for any updated information or additional details.