

First Penance

Dates for your 2010-2011 Calendar

Parent/Child Retreat

Sunday, October 24, 2010

9:00 am Mass – approx 12:40

Parent Only Night

Wednesday, January 26, 2011

7:00 – 8:00 pm Chapel

Child Only Retreat/Practice

Sunday, March 13, 2011

9:00 am—Chapel end with 11:00 am Mass

Special Sacramental Family Masses***

November 14, 11:00 am Mass

January 9, 11:00 am Mass

February 13, 11:00 am Mass

****In order to foster a sense of community and support during the special time of Sacramental preparation, we would like to give you the opportunity to come together for prayer, friendship and fun. As you plan your weekly Mass attendance please consider coming to one, two or hopefully all three of these Masses as a family! We will have refreshments after Mass and some fun activities for the children! At the first Mass in November we will ask parishioners attending to take the name of one of the children receiving Sacraments this year and continue to pray for him/her and their families in the weeks and months to come.*

Sacrament of Penance

Saturday, March 19, 2011

10:00 am

SACRAMENTAL RETREAT DAY ATTENDANCE
Sunday October 24, 2010

Please return to **OLOR School or P.R.E.P. by October 4th**
Thank you!

Student Name

Teacher Name

Parent Signature

Attendance at the Parent/Child Penance Retreat:

Sunday, October 24th
(9:00 am Mass to 12:40)

_____ Both Parents

_____ One Parent Only

_____ Grandparent or Godparent in place of parent(s) if absolutely necessary

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Dear Parents of First Penance Candidate,

Welcome to this special year as we prepare for your child's first Penance!
If you are new to Our Lady of Ransom Parish a double welcome! If you do not already know, children at our Parish receive first Penance in 2nd grade and first Eucharist in 3rd grade.

As Sacramental Preparation Coordinator, I will be assisting you and your child as we prepare for first Penance. Our first special event is our **Sacramental Retreat day which will take place on Sunday, October 24, 2010**. This is a retreat for any child receiving Sacraments this year at our Parish and their parents. We will begin with the celebration of 9am Mass followed by activities for children and parents. The retreat will conclude at approximately 12:40pm. *This is an important and thus required part of our Sacramental preparation program.*

I invite you to look at this day not just as another requirement to fulfill, but as an opportunity for you and your child to “retreat” from all other activities and concerns for a few hours and to focus on deepening your relationship with Jesus and re-commit yourself to the practice of your faith.

We will be serving refreshments at our retreat, so please return the attached form so I can have enough food and drink for everyone! I ask that you return the enclosed **Sacramental Retreat Day Attendance sheet** to your child’s teacher no later than **October 4th**.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at the above number or you can reach me via e-mail at agervino@oloransom.org.

Attached is also a list of important dates to mark on your calendar.

May God bless your family,

Ann Marie Gervino
Sacramental Preparation Coordinator

We will be using a wonderful book called **SACRED TIMES**, which will help parents journal the reception of First Reconciliation and First Eucharist for their children. The cost of this book, etc. is \$10.00 and that fee may be returned with the attachment in an envelope. The books will be distributed at the Parent/Child Penance Retreat on Sunday, Oct. 11th and is used again in preparation for First Eucharist. This fee will cover what is needed for the two years.

On the attached sheet, please mark who will be attending the Parent/Child retreat so that we can provide enough space and snacks as needed. Please return this attachment to your child's school or PREP teacher by **October 4th**.

Payment for Sacred Times Book

Name of Child _____ *School* _____ *PREP* _____

Date Paid _____ *Amount* _____

Signature of Parent _____

