

# ***ST. Thomas More Religious Education***

To: Parents of First Reconciliation & First Communion Candidates 2018

Date: October 4, 2017

The dates for the First Reconciliation Ceremony (First Penance or Confession), First Communion Rehearsal and First Holy Communion Ceremony (First Eucharist) are posted in the Religious Education Calendar. Attendance at First Reconciliation, First Communion Rehearsal and First Communion is mandatory.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> grade classes are placed into groups A, B, C, or D. The classes have been grouped together by number of students in the class. Your child only needs to attend the dates for his/her group. To find your child's group look for the name of your child's teacher or the day and time that your child's class meets. The groups were determined by the size of the class so that each ceremony has an equal amount of students, thus allowing for the maximum amount of guests for each family. Any changes to a child's First Communion date will only be considered for extreme circumstances such as a death in the family. We will not make changes based on party dates or hall reservations.

## Tickets

Each family will be given eight tickets for First Communion. If you have twins receiving, the family will receive ten tickets. Tickets are distributed at the First Communion rehearsal.

There are no tickets for First Reconciliation Ceremony.

## Location

All ceremonies and rehearsals are held in St. Thomas More Church.

## Parent Meeting

First Reconciliation/First Eucharist Parent Meeting dates and times are posted on the RE calendar for the second through fourth weeks of January 2018. Only one parent needs to attend. We will have the meetings during class times at STM and OLM. This class time meeting is to help parents by eliminating meeting at night. For any parent who is not able to attend a class time meeting, there will be a parent meeting at STM in Petri Hall on January 18, 2018 at 7:00 pm. You do not need to attend both. If you have younger toddlers you may bring them to any meeting.

### Group A

First Reconciliation - Thursday, March 1, 2018, 4:30 pm, STM Church  
First Communion Rehearsal - Thursday, April 12, 2018, 4:30 pm, STM, Petri Hall  
First Communion Ceremony - Sunday, April 15, 2018, 2:00 pm, STM Church

Ms. Michele Ranieri, STM, Wednesday, 4:30  
Ms. Marissa Pace, OLM, Monday, 4:30  
Ms. Craggan, OLM, Tuesday 5:45

### Group B

First Reconciliation - Thursday, March 8, 2018, 4:30 pm, STM Church  
First Communion Rehearsal - Thursday, April 19, 2018, 4:30 pm, STM, Petri Hall  
First Communion Ceremony - Sunday, April 22, 2018, 2:00 pm, STM Church

Ms. Jamie Herr, STM, Wednesday 5:45  
Mrs. Patty Phelan, OLM, Monday 5:45

### Group C

First Reconciliation - Thursday, March 15, 2018, 4:30 pm, STM Church  
First Communion Rehearsal - Thursday, April 26, 2018, 4:30 pm, STM, Petri Hall  
First Communion Ceremony - Sunday, April 29, 2018, 2:00 pm, STM Church

Mrs. Violetta DaSilva, STM, Monday 5:45  
Ms. Maria DiDonato-Howard, STM, Tuesday 5:45  
Ms. Craggan, OLM, Tuesday 4:30

### Group D

First Reconciliation - Thursday, March 22, 2018, 4:30 pm, STM Church  
First Communion Rehearsal - Thursday, May 3, 2018, 4:30 pm, STM, Petri Hall  
First Communion Ceremony - Sunday, May 6, 2018, 2:00 pm, STM Church

Ms. Colleen Curreri, STM, Monday 4:30  
Mrs. Claire Arno, STM, Tuesday 4:30