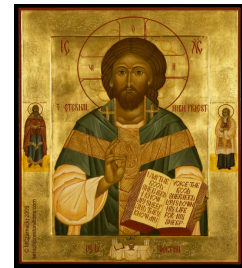


ST. ROSE OF LIMA PARISH  
Religious Education Office  
38 Church Hill Rd. Newtown, CT 06470  
(203) 426-2333



October 24, 2009

Dear Parents of Second Grade Students,

Welcome to this time of preparation for your child's celebrations of First Reconciliation and First Communion! This special time offers both you and your child unique and wonderful opportunities to grow in faith together and to deepen your relationship with God and with one another.

We invite you to make the most of these opportunities by:

- Setting aside some time to reflect on your faith and to share stories of your experiences of God's presence with your child.
- Re-newing or rejuvenating your faith by joining us at some of our special parent faith nights ( please note required dates on calendar enclosed.)
- Reflecting on some aspect of the Sacraments – forgiveness, gratitude, belonging – and the ways in which these are experienced in your life and the life of your family.
- Exploring the teaching of the Church as you look more closely at your own understanding of the Sacraments, particularly Reconciliation and Communion. Again – our parent faith nights are designed to explain Church Doctrine on the Sacraments in a “user-friendly” language. You may be surprised to learn how and why we celebrate the Sacraments the way we do!
- Looking to scripture to help you make connections between your faith, your life, and the life of your family. Finding God in all aspects of the every day.

God has initiated a dialogue with you, maybe through your child. He has sent you an invitation. How will you respond?

In this packet you will find answers to some of the questions you may have regarding our celebration of First Reconciliation and First Communion; calendar of events, ceremony schedules, dress codes, requirements... Please look through and if you still have questions, please feel free to contact me at 426-2333, ext. 4 or [strosere.conf@charter.net](mailto:strosere.conf@charter.net). I will be happy to help in any way I can. After you look at the schedules for each ceremony, you may realize that your family already had plans for a wedding or vacation. We do have *some* flexibility to make schedule changes; please call me after November 1<sup>st</sup> to discuss.

May this time of preparation be a **special** time --- a **sacred** time --- for your child and for you. Who knows, perhaps God will use this preparation as a “jump-start” for your own faith life!

Yours in Christ,

Janice Lindsay  
Sacrament Coordinator

\*\*\* If you need resources for information about the Sacraments and/or what the Church teaches, the “Catechism of the Catholic Church” is available in the Religious Education Office for our wholesale cost of \$7.50, and for understanding scripture and how to read the bible, check out our resource “Blueprint of the Bible” for \$5.00\*\*\*

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*Preparation Packet*  
*First Reconciliation*  
*And*  
*First Holy Communion*



*2009 - 2010*

## **First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion Packet**

1) **Sacramental Information Form** (attached)

This form lists all the information needed for the Diocesan Sacramental Registries. The pre-printed information is what we currently have in our database regarding your child. Please look over *carefully*, make any corrections necessary, and fill in any blanks. Confirmation information is not needed – please skip over those blanks! If the Baptism information is missing, that means one of two things... (a) If your child was Baptized here at St. Rose, we need the exact date: Month, Day, and Year. We then need to verify this information at the Rectory before we can enter it into the database. Verification will not occur until after February of 2010. If you have the Baptismal Certificate on file, it would be easier if you attach a copy (or we can make one for you,) to the Sacramental Information Form. (b) If your child was Baptized in a parish other than St. Rose, a copy of the Baptismal Certificate must be attached to the Sacramental Information Form. Again, we will be happy to make a copy of the certificate for you. This form and certificate copy must be returned to your catechist by November 30<sup>th</sup>. We do not want to be sticklers about this, however it is a Diocesan requirement that each child's registry is complete -- - No child will receive their First Communion Certificate without a fully completed Sacramental Information Form including Baptismal information.

2) **Calendar of Events** (enclosed)

This is the same calendar you received in September, but because of its importance, we wanted to make sure you received another one, just in case. Please put dates of meetings, rehearsals, and ceremonies on calendars at home and office. We do not want you or your child missing out on lessons or events.

3) **Ceremony Schedules** (enclosed)

You will find schedules for celebrating First Reconciliation, First Communion and rehearsal dates for First Communion. Attendance is required. If changes to ceremony times or dates need to be made, please call after November 1<sup>st</sup> and we will try to accommodate your needs.

4) **Immediate Preparation** (enclosed)

Immediate preparation instruction for each Sacrament will take place during class time, 4:15 – 5:15 pm, for student and parent. First Reconciliation dates will take place the week of January 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Gathering Hall. St. Rose School students will attend on Wednesday, January 6<sup>th</sup>. Immediate preparation dates for First Communion will be the week of March 21<sup>st</sup>. St. Rose School students will attend on Wednesday, March 24<sup>th</sup>. Attendance at both preparation events is required.

5) **Ceremony Dress Code**

The Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Communion require a special dress code – not just because of the sacredness of each Sacrament, but because they take place in Church, before God. For Reconciliation, dress clothes appropriate for Sunday Mass or a special gathering with relatives are required. Please no jeans, sneakers or sweatshirts. For First Communion; boys should wear a dark colored suit with a light colored, buttoned-down shirt and a tie with dress shoes. Girls should wear a traditional white dress and shoes.

Veils or head-pieces are optional. No gloves for the girls, nothing in hands. The Religious Education Office has a number of new and used dresses, suits and shoes if anyone is interested. You may take these for free or make a small offering for the poor. Please come by the office when available – we will be happy to assist you.

6) **Attendance**

The Second Grade Curriculum covers God's presence in us. The awareness that Jesus is truly present in the Holy Eucharist and that Jesus is the key to our salvation will be included in our immediate preparation for First Reconciliation and First Communion. It is essential your child attend classes on a regular basis. Students who have more than five, un-excused absences, will be asked to hold off celebrating First Reconciliation and/or First Communion until the lessons have been covered. If your child is sick and needs to be kept at home, *please call your catechist* to inform them of the absence and get the chapter to be covered at home. After you complete the lesson with your child, show the completed pages to the catechist at the next class to prevent your child from being marked absent.

7) **Reading Material** (enclosed)

Please read the leaflets and articles included in this packet. They contain information on the Sacraments of the Catholic Church, child readiness and stages of faith formation, and basic prayers and practices of the Church that your family will practice together.

If after reading through all the material contained in this packet, you have any questions please do not hesitate to call the Religious Education Office at 426-2333, ext. 4 or e-mail at [stosere.conf@charter.net](mailto:stosere.conf@charter.net).

Have a blessed and Spirit-filled Sacramental Preparation year!

# Confirmation Sacramental Information 2009-2010

Saint Rose of Lima Religious Education Office  
38 Church Hill Road, Newtown, CT 06470 Telephone (203) 426-2333 Fax (203) 426-8074

All information in the Candidate, Parent, and Baptism sections below are necessary to register and obtain sacramental certificates upon reception of the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Communion. Please do not leave any blanks. **Due date: November 30, 2009.** Please disregard sections for First Communion and Confirmation.

## CANDIDATE INFORMATION

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_  
(As it should appear on certificates)  
Street \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date \_\_\_\_\_ Birth City \_\_\_\_\_ Birth State \_\_\_\_\_  
Confirmation Name N/A Catechist \_\_\_\_\_

## PARENT INFORMATION

Father: First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Mother: First Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Mother: Maiden Name \_\_\_\_\_ Different Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

## BAPTISM

Parish \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_  
Date \_\_\_\_\_ (MM/DD/YYYY) Certificate Verified by Rel Ed (Office Use Only)

## FIRST COMMUNION/EUCHARIST – Not applicable at this time

Parish \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_  
Date \_\_\_\_\_ (MM/DD/YYYY) Certificate Verified by Rel Ed (Office Use Only)

## SPONSOR INFORMATION – Not applicable at this time

Sponsor's Name \_\_\_\_\_  
(Last Name) (First Name)  
Sponsor's Parish \_\_\_\_\_  
(City) (State) (Zip)

**IMPORTANT:** Sponsor Certificate must be obtained by the sponsor from his/her parish and returned to the Religious Education Office by *November 1, 2009*. Please note candidate's name on sponsor certificate. Sponsors from St. Rose parish need only sign the certificate - Pastor signature is not needed.

Sponsor Certificate Verified by Rel Ed (Office Use Only)

**ST. ROSE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2009-2010 CALENDAR**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> GRADE – FIRST RECONCILIATION/FIRST HOLY COMMUNION STUDENTS**  
**\*\*\*Parent Attendance Required\*\*\***

- October 24  
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**2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Instructional/Enrollment Mass**  
10:00 am -12:00 pm, Church, Students and Parents sit with class, Sign In  
Reconciliation/Communion Information Packets distributed at this time.  
2<sup>nd</sup> grade students will have class this week
- December 20-23  
**Advent Masses, All Pre-K – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Religious Education Families**  
Sunday students, 9:15 and 10:45 in Gathering Hall.  
Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday - 4:15 classes in Church  
Students and Parents sit with class, Sign In
- January 3-6  
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**2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Reconciliation Prep**  
During class times, Report to Gathering Hall. Students and Parents sit with class
- January 14  
\*\*\*  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Parent & Catechist Reconciliation Prep Night**  
7:00 pm, in the Gathering Hall  
What parents have always asked for – A one-on-one night with Fr. Jim Sabak.  
An opportunity for the adults to get out alone, hear the theology for one of the most  
dreaded, yet refreshing Sacraments and have ample time to ask all the questions and  
get some answers! A must for 2<sup>nd</sup> grade parents, but all other parents and catechists  
are encouraged to attend!
- January 30  
\*\*\*  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Grade - Sacrament of First Reconciliation**  
9:00 am AND 12:00 pm. Assigned Class Sessions – to be announced at  
Instructional/Enrollment Mass. Students and Parents report to Church and sit with  
class. Reception sponsored by First Grade students in Gathering Hall immediately  
following. Snow date – February 7, 2:00 & 4:30
- February 22 - 24  
**Lenten Reconciliation During Class Times**  
Grades 3 - 4 report directly to class, pick up at church (Grade 2 if time allows)  
Grades 5-6 report directly to church, sit with class, pick up at school,  
Grade 7, report directly to class, pick up at school  
Grade 8, report directly to church, sit with class, pick up at school.  
(Sunday classes and Home Schooled students welcome at any session)
- March 8  
\*\*\*  
**Parish Retreat**  
7:00 pm, Church  
For all parents of sacramental students (2<sup>nd</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grades) and Catechists
- March 21-24  
\*\*\*  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Grade First Holy Communion Prep**  
During all class times. Students and Parents meet in Gathering Hall, sit with class.  
Distribution of “Butterfly” materials for First Communion ceremonies.
- March 25  
\*\*\*  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Parent and Catechist First Communion Prep w/ Fr. Jim Sabak**  
**“The Meaning Behind our Catholic Rituals, Symbols, and Customs”**  
7:00 – 9:00 pm, Gathering Hall  
All 2<sup>nd</sup> grade parents and catechists and any interested adults.
- April 10-11  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Butterfly Weekend**  
First Communion Butterflies will be collected at all Masses this weekend
- April 26-27  
\*\*\*  
**First Communion Rehearsals for May 1 Ceremony**  
**(April 26 for 10:00 ceremony and April 27 for 1:00 ceremony)**  
4:15 pm – 5:00 pm - students only; 5:00 pm - 5:45 pm - students and parents, Report  
to Church, Dates and times assigned by class session – to be announced at  
Instructional/Enrollment Mass

- April 30           **Rehearsal for May 1<sup>st</sup> First Communion Gift Bearers/Readers**  
4:15 – 5:00 pm for 10:00 am ceremony. Report directly to Church  
5:00 – 5:45 pm for 1:00 pm ceremony. Report directly to Church  
Times assigned by class session – to be announced at Enrollment Mass
- May 1  
\*\*\*               **First Communion Ceremonies**  
10:00 am AND 1:00 pm  
Times assigned by class session – to be announced at Enrollment Mass
- May 2             **End of Year Masses for Sunday Students**  
During class times, Gathering Hall, Reception following, all Sunday families invited
- May 3-4  
\*\*\*               **First Communion Rehearsals for May 8 Ceremony**  
**May 3 for 10:00 ceremony and May 4 for 1:00 ceremony**  
4:15 pm – 5:00 pm - students only; 5:00 pm - 5:45 pm - students and parents, Report  
to Church, Dates and times assigned by class session – to be announced at  
Enrollment Mass
- May 7             **Rehearsals for May 8<sup>th</sup> First Communion Gift Bearers/Readers**  
4:15 – 5:00 pm for 10:00 am ceremony. Report directly to Church  
5:00 – 5:45 pm for 1:00 pm ceremony. Report directly to Church  
Times assigned by class session – to be announced at Enrollment Mass
- May 8  
\*\*\*               **First Communion Ceremonies**  
10:00 am AND 1:00 pm  
Times assigned by class session – to be announced at Enrollment Mass
- May 10-12       **End of Year Mass and Reception**  
4:15 – 5:15 pm, All families invited. Report directly to Gathering Hall, sit with class
- May 14  
\*\*\*               **Journey of Faith Students First Communion Rehearsal**  
4:15-5:30 pm, students and parents meet in church
- May 16  
\*\*\*               **Journey of Faith Students First Communion**  
9:00 am Mass. Children report at 8:30

## Sacrament of First Reconciliation

January 30, 2010

“Brothers and sisters: God loves you and has chosen you as his own special people. So be gentle, kind, humble, meek, and patient. Put up with each other, and forgive anyone who does you wrong, just as Christ has forgiven you. Love is more important than anything else. It is what ties everything completely together.” Paul to the Colossians

### 9:00 a.m. Session

Mrs. Beverly Tevnan/Mrs. Erica Shaker

Mrs. Heliett Sanchez

Mrs. Katherine Pond

Mrs. Kathy Filan

Mrs. Tammy Marks

Mrs. Geraldine Jackman

Mrs. Kathy Belmont

Mrs. Sue Kirmil/Mrs. Christine Ford

Mrs. Carol Bartek

Mrs. Cheri Ross

Home Schooled

### 12:00 p.m. Session

Mrs. Judy Jewell

Mrs. Kathy DeAngelis

Mrs. Janet Flanagan

Mrs. Marie Martelli

Mrs. Kerri Cartelli/Ms. Katharine Bobel

Ms. Nonnenmacher/Mrs. Bokuniewicz

Ms. Nicole Nonnenmacher/Mrs. Patricia Gogliettino

Journey of Faith

The Sacrament will take place in the Church. Please have your child attend the session that has been allocated for their teacher. There will be a reception hosted by our First Grade parents in the Gathering Hall at the school.

Sacramental Prep Day for students and parents will take place during normal class time the week of January 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Gathering Hall. St. Rose School Students attend on Wednesday, January 6<sup>th</sup>.

Parent and Catechist Reconciliation Faith Night will take place on Thursday, January 14<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

## Sacrament of First Holy Communion

“Let the children come to me; do not prevent them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.” Mark 10:14

### May 1, 2010, 10:00 a.m. Session

Mrs. Beverly Tevnan/Mrs. Erica Shaker  
Mrs. Heliett Sanchez  
Mrs. Katherine Pond  
Mrs. Kathy Filan

### May 1, 2010, 1:00 p.m. Session

Mrs. Tammy Marks  
Mrs. Geraldine Jackman  
Mrs. Kathy Belmont  
Mrs. Sue Kirmil/Mrs. Christine Ford  
Mrs. Carol Bartek  
Mrs. Cheri Ross  
Home Schooled

### May 8, 2010, 10:00 a.m. Session

Mrs. Judy Jewell  
Mrs. Kathy DeAngelis

### May 8, 2010, 1:00 p.m. Session

Mrs. Janet Flanagan  
Mrs. Marie Martelli  
Mrs. Kerri Cartelli/Ms. Katharine Bobel  
Ms. Nonnenmacher/Mrs. Bokuniewicz  
Ms. Nicole Nonnenmacher/Mrs. Patricia Gogliettino

### May 16, 2010, 9:00 a.m. Mass

Journey of Faith Students

Please see reverse side for immediate preparation, and rehearsal dates for above scheduled ceremonies



## First Holy Communion Rehearsal Schedule

Please report directly to church.

### May 1, 2010 – 10:00 a.m. Ceremony

General rehearsal; April 26th, 4:15 – 5:45 p.m.  
Readers and Gift Bearers only; April 30th, 4:15 – 5:00 p.m.

### May 1, 2010, 1:00 p.m. Ceremony

General rehearsal; April 27th, 4:15 – 5:45 p.m.  
Readers and Gift Bearers only; April 30th, 5:00 – 5:45 p.m.

### May 8, 2010 – 10:00 a.m. Ceremony

General rehearsal; May 3rd, 4:15 – 5:45 p.m.  
Readers and Gift Bearers only; May 7th, 4:15 – 5:00 p.m.

### May 8, 2010, 1:00 p.m. Ceremony

General rehearsal; May 4th, 4:15 – 5:45 p.m.  
Readers and Gift Bearers only; May 7th, 5:00 – 5:45 p.m.

### May 16, 2010, 9:00 Mass, Journey of Faith Ceremony

Rehearsal; May 14th, 4:15 – 5:30 p.m.

Immediate Preparation for students and parents will take place during normal class time the week of March 21<sup>st</sup> in the Gathering Hall. St. Rose School Students attend on Wednesday, March 24th.

Parent and Catechist First Communion Faith Night will take place on Thursday, March 25th from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. with Fr. Jim Sabak in the Gathering Hall.