Celebrate the Sacraments of:

First Reconciliation

First Eucharist

Our Mother of Sorrows Parish
2018-19

Sacrament Information & Preparation

There are several key principles which apply to all sacramental preparation in the Diocese of Rochester. All Sacraments are to be celebrated at the parish where you are registered. Sacramental preparation is to be separate from the school and the religious education classroom. School or religious education sacramental preparation does not adequately address the principles of readiness, the role of parents or the parish involvement/responsibility for sacramental preparation and celebration. Preparation for any sacrament is a journey of the heart that prepares us to meet the Risen Lord Jesus Christ. It involves reflection, prayer, faith sharing and ritual celebration with parents and other candidates. Consider moving to a deeper level of commitment with Jesus in Our Mother of Sorrows Parish by enrolling in our Sacramental Preparation for the following Sacraments:

Confirmation

At Our Mother of Sorrows, preparation for Confirmation is a two-year process beginning in the Fall of 8th grade (or later) with celebration of the Sacrament in the Spring of 9th grade. Preparation is about learning how to really live, aware that God is alive in you and around you in the midst of the Catholic Christian Community. Confirmation is **NOT** graduation from religious education. Rather it is an opportunity to deepen your spirituality, learn how to live deeply and discover the infinite love of God within yourself.

Confirmation Preparation:

- Confirmation Preparation consists of a two-year program with candidates and sponsors (or parent proxy). Candidates will attend a retreat in the Fall of their 1st year; candidates and sponsors (or parent proxy) will attend a retreat in the Spring of their 2nd year. Dates and times are TBA.
- Rite of Sending—Candidates & sponsor/family
  A blessing and sending from the parish community to the Bishop prior to receiving the Sacrament.
- Celebration of Confirmation
  Weekday evening in Spring TBA
  @ Sacred Heart Cathedral

First Reconciliation (Penance)

At Our Mother of Sorrows, First Reconciliation is recommended based on readiness. Typically most of our candidates are in grades 2 and up.
If "readiness" is unclear, candidates and parents may be interviewed. First Reconciliation preparation is about introducing the sacrament to the children and family members as an opportunity to deepen and enrich their faith development and spiritual wholeness as children of God. Reconciliation is the opportunity to encounter a loving and merciful God through ritual action.

First Reconciliation Preparation:

- Preparation for first Reconciliation consists of two evening sessions for children and parents. Dates and times are TBA.
- First Reconciliation Celebration—Child and Family, Weekday evening in Fall/Winter, TBA.

First Eucharist (Communion)

At Our Mother of Sorrows, First Eucharist is recommended based on readiness. Typically most of our candidates are in grades 2 and up.
If "readiness" is unclear, candidates and parents may be interviewed. First Eucharist preparation engages the children and families within an in-depth process of understanding the "source and summit" of our faith as Eucharist. This preparation calls us to become full, active, and conscience participants in our faith life, including Sunday liturgies.

First Eucharist Preparation:

- Preparation for first Eucharist consists of two evening sessions for children and parents, and a retreat on a Saturday morning for children and parents. Dates and times are TBA.
- First Eucharist Celebration
  Scheduled at regular masses in early May.

Sacrament Preparation Continued . . .

Is your child ready?

When speaking of readiness of a child to celebrate a sacrament, there are three areas to address: the family, the individual, and the parish community. The family is the primary place where children are formed in faith.

- How is faith shown, demonstrated in your family?
- Do you pray together?
- What is your favorite way to pray? (alone, in church, etc.)
- Why do you want to celebrate this sacrament?
- What does it mean to belong to a group or team? Are there requirements or rules?
- When you help out others, how do you feel about yourself?
- What is a story from Jesus' life that is a favorite or that you remember?
- Why do you remember this story or why is it important?
- What can this story teach you about your life today?

GUIDELINES FOR CONFIRMATION

- Regular attendance at Sunday Mass.
- Regular attendance in a Faith Formation Program, Youth Ministry or attending a Catholic School.
- Attend the scheduled Confirmation sessions with your sponsor or a parent.
- Sponsors must be practicing Catholics and Confirmed. The Diocese recommends Baptismal godparents if possible to be sponsors. **No parents** are to be sponsors.
- The Diocese most strongly recommends the choice of his/her baptismal name to be used as the Confirmation name.
- Candidates and parents are asked to participate in parish or community service projects that meets our call as people of "mission."
- Candidates will participate in an afternoon retreat prior to the Rite of Sending.
- Candidates will attend the parish Rite of Sending.
- The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated at Sacred Heart Cathedral in Rochester.

Please fill out the Sacrament Registration form (one per child) and return to the Office of Faith Formation & Youth Ministry

In compliance with the Diocesan Guidelines for Sacramental Preparation, please note that it is recommended that children and youth have two years of either Catholic School Education or two years of Faith Formation Classes prior to receiving a Sacrament.

Each Sacrament requires instructional classes for preparation as well.

Sacraments are prepared for together both child/youth an adult.

All Sacraments are to be prepared for and received at the Parish you are registered at!

Our Mother of Sorrows

Sacrament Registration
2018-19

Child Name _____ Sex M F
LAST FIRST

Address_____
HOUSE # STREET

_____ NY, _____ Date ofBirth _____
CITY/TOWN ZIP CODE

Grade in Fall 2018 _____ Age _____ School Attending_____

Parents' Names _____

Mother's MaidenName _____

Email _____ Phone _____

Mother's Cell/Work_____ Father's Cell/Work _____

Please note: **Sacraments are received at the Parish you are registered at.**
Please confirm that you are presently registered at OMOS: _____

I am registering for **Reconciliation** _____ Grades 2 and up

I am registering for **First Eucharist** _____ Grades 2 and up

Church of Baptism _____
Date _____

*** Please provide a copy of the Baptismal Certificate.**
(Even if Baptized at OMOS)

Fee per Sacrament is $25.00

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY
Amount paid:_____Check #_____
Cash_____Date_____Initial _____

Our Mother of Sorrows

Sacrament of Confirmation

Registration 2018-19

Child Name _____ Sex M F
LAST FIRST

Address _____
HOUSE# STREET

_____ NY, _____ Date of Birth _____
CITY/TOWN ZIP CODE

Grade in Fall 2018 _____ Age _____ School Attending _____

Parents' Names _____

Mother's Maiden Name _____

Email _____ Phone _____

Mother's Cell/Work _____ Father's Cell/Work _____

Please note: **Sacraments are received at the Parish you are registered at.**

Please confirm that you are presently registered at MOS: _____

I am registering for **Confirmation** _____ Grades 8 and up

Church of Baptism _____

Date _____

*** Please provide a copy of the Baptismal Certificate.**

Fee for Sacrament is $25.00

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

Amount paid: _____ Check # _____

Cash _____ Date _____ Initial _____