

FIRST RECONCILIATION AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Special Date Reminders

FIRST PENANCE PARENT MEETING Parent/Adult Guardian ONLY

Monday, October 27, 2025 at 7 PM in the Church

FIRST PENANCE RETREAT - Parent/Adult guardian and candidate attend together

Saturday, November 8, 2025 at 9:30-11 AM in the school cafeteria.

FIRST PENANCE Service – parents are encouraged to also experience this Sacrament of Healing with their children

Thursday, December 4, 2025 in Church at 7:00 PM

Mass for Presentation of the Candidates for First Holy Communion

Sunday, January 11, 2026 at 9:30 AM and 11 AM

FIRST COMMUNION PARENT MEETING Parent/Adult Guardian ONLY

Monday, January 12, 2026 in Church at 7:00 PM

FIRST COMMUNION RETREAT Parent/Adult Guardian and candidate required to attend Saturday, March 14, 2026 in school 9:30-Noon, pizza lunch included

Mandatory FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PRACTICE

Thursday, April 30, 2026 5:30-7:30 PM

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASS

Saturday, May 2, 2026 10:00 AM

FIRST PENANCE LITURGY INFORMATION

First Penance Service – Thursday, December 4 at 7 PM in the Church

After First Penance, please continue to practice the Rite of Reconciliation and the Act of Contrition! This is a lifelong sacrament.

Dress is Sunday Best.

First Penance is a Communal Penance Service—a prayer service with individual confession and absolution following. Please remain in your seats until Confessors and Ushers are in position. Parents will help children to form an orderly line and approach the priest of their choice. Parents and children are invited to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Please refrain from conversations while in the Church.

Please remember the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation is confidential. We are all bound by the seal of the confessional. Therefore, please stand behind the ushers so you cannot hear the penitent, and please, do not take pictures or video inside the Church. You may take pictures inside the vestibule. The stained glass representing baptism and penance make excellent backdrops!

Certificates will be on a table in the main Vestibule. When the penance is completed, you may pick up your certificates and be dismissed. If you are waiting for other families, please do so quietly in the vestibule or outside.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION INFORMATION

First Holy Communion Rehearsal is Thursday, April 30, 2026

Please drop off at the school cafeteria by 5:30 PM. We will practice the procession to the Church. Pick up is in the Church at 7:30 PM. This rehearsal is mandatory for all candidates. Children who wish to participate in the Mass as readers and gift bearers must be present for rehearsal.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASS is scheduled for Saturday, May 2, 2026 at 10 AM

Fee: \$100 per candidate is due on or before March 14, 2026. Make checks payable to Saint Philip Neri Church. SPN School Students will have fees withdrawn from FACTS.

Children should fast 1 hour before they receive communion, so no food after 9:30 AM. Children arrive at the school CAFETERIA by 9:30 AM to form a line for procession in order to be seated by 9:45 AM. We will be processing on time, so please do not be late.

Seating for First Communion—This is tentative and subject to change. Seats are reserved for 2 adults per family. Additional guests may be seated in the general seating area or stand.

Attire: Girls wear white dresses, no gloves, and anything you deem appropriate for their hair. They should not have fake nails, or carry anything in their hands that morning.

Boys wear suits or sports coats and dress slacks of any color, a white shirt and white tie. Dress shoes, no sneakers.

PHOTOGRAPHY and Livestreaming

Photos: NO PERSONAL PHOTOS OR VIDEOS DURING THE MASS. Professional photographers will be recording the Mass, taking candids, and live streaming. All families will receive a link for live streaming before the Mass and a digital download of the recorded Mass after editing (about 2 weeks after First Holy Communion). Please do not interfere with the professional photographers' shots.

More details about scheduling Professional Portraits will be coming soon.