

**St. Paul's Religious Education
Parent Meeting – Sacramental Preparation
November 8, 2009**

Sunday, December 13, 2009 at 2:00pm – First Reconciliation

- There will be no classes for 2nd graders that morning. There will be classes for children in grades 1, 3, 4, and 5.
- Please have your second grader arrive to the church for 1:45pm. Children will be sitting with their parents and each family will be assigned a pew. Because this is a large class, almost all the pews will be filled, including those on the side.
- We will be having a communal penance service to celebrate the sacrament. The service will last roughly an hour depending on the number of people going to confession. We have invited several additional priests to hear confessions and they will be seated around the church and in the rear confessional. We will begin the service with prayer and scripture readings and then each child will meet individually with a priest for confession. After the children have gone to confession, we will invite any family members present to receive the sacrament as well. When all confessions have been heard, we will finish the service with prayer.
- **Dress Code for First Reconciliation:** Please have your son wear pants (not jeans) and a shirt with a collar. Please have your daughter wear a dress or skirt.
- **Baptismal Certificates** – If your child was not baptized at St. Paul's Church, we will need a copy of their baptismal certificate. Baptismal certificates may be obtained by calling the church of their baptism and they will either get you a copy or send it directly to St. Paul's. If your child was baptized at the Assumption parish in Bellingham, their records are now at St. Blaise. If the baptismal certificate is sent directly to St. Paul's, please have them put ATTN: Moira Cook, Religious Education on the outside of the envelope. Please submit your baptismal certificate by **December 8, 2008**.

We will be having a parent meeting in the spring to discuss the details of First Communion. The date and time TBA.

Saturday, May 1, 2009 from 1:00-2:00pm – Rehearsal for First Communion

Sunday, May 2, 2009 at 2:00pm – First Communion

Dress Code for 1st Communion:

Boys: Dark Suit or dark dress pants with shirt, tie & dress shoes

Girls: White Communion Dress or Dressy White or Off-White Dress, Shoulders should be covered either by sleeves or a sweater, Tights & Dress Shoes

Head Piece is Optional: Flowers or Veil (no longer than the middle of your child's back).

No trains on dresses or veils.

If you have any questions about First Reconciliation, please call Moira Cook at 508-883-2590 or email religioused@stpaulblackstone.org.