

## St. Raphael Parish, Milford

### First Communion/Eucharist - 2020 Program Schedule

Date	Topic/Activity Outline
Friday, January 24 from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. or Sunday, January 26 from 12 noon to 1:30 p.m. (Parish Center Hall)	Child Lures Prevention Safety Program (The Archdiocese of Hartford now requires this program every year for families with children in grade 1 or older including teens.) <i>Required for child and parent/guardian.</i>
Saturday, February 1, 10 a.m. to 12 noon - required  Meet in <b>Parish Center Hall</b> . Will split into groups and use two Parish Center classrooms.  Make-Up Session for Feb 1: Date to be determined.	* Sacraments of Initiation/Introduction to Sacrament of Holy Eucharist * Overview - Eucharist and the Mass * The Church As God's Family * The Gathering Rite * Introduction: The Liturgy of the Word * Parts of the Liturgy of the Word (Readings, Psalm, Gospel, Homily, Creed, Prayer of the Faithful)  Homework will be distributed to review content.
Sunday, March 1, 12 noon to 1:30 p.m. in Parish Center Hall– <i>highly recommended</i>	GIFT Lenten Activities
Saturday, March 7, 10 a.m. to 12 noon - required  Meet in <b>Parish Center Hall</b> . Will split into groups and use two Parish Center classrooms.  Make-Up Session for March 7: Date to be determined.	* Introduction: The Liturgy of the Eucharist * Parts of the Liturgy of the Eucharist * Presentation of the Gifts and Eucharistic Prayer * Eucharist As Our Family Meal * Eucharist as Sacrifice and the Real Presence of Jesus * The Communion Rite * Receiving Holy Communion: Common questions and answers * The Bread of Life DVD (Brother Francis)
Saturday, March 21, 10 a.m. to 12 noon – required. Begin in St. Ann Church Children's Chapel  Make-Up Session for March 21: Date to be determined	* Tour of Sacristy and Church * Review: Liturgy of the Eucharist, including Communion Rite * Practice Receiving Holy Communion * Prayer After Holy Communion * After First Communion: Holy Communion at Weekly Mass * Living the Sacrament - Being the Body of Christ in Our World
Friday, March 27 from 6 to 8:30 p.m. or Sunday, March 29 from 12 noon to 2:30 p.m. (Parish Center Hall) – <i>highly recommended</i>	GIFT Session – Following Jesus Through the Church Year: New Life in Christ (Easter Vigil, Easter Sunday, Easter Season)
Thursday, April 2 – 6:15 to 7:30 p.m. – <i>highly recommended</i>	Last Supper Prayer Service and Dinner
Tuesday, April 21, beginning at 6:15 p.m. in a Parish Center downstairs classroom - required	Learning and Praying the Rosary with Children At 6:50 p.m. we will prepare to walk to the Church to pray the Rosary together with our Parish Rosary Prayer Group.

**Important Note:** St. Raphael Parish children will be receiving First Communion together at weekend Masses on May 2 and May 3, 2020. Families will be able to choose any of the Masses at St. Ann Church or St. Gabriel Church on this weekend.

- \* 4 p.m. on Saturday, May 2 at St. Ann Church
- \* 8 a.m. on Sunday, May 3 at St. Gabriel Church
- \* 9:30 a.m. on Sunday, May 3 at St. Ann Church
- \* 11 a.m. on Sunday, May 3 at St. Gabriel Church

We will follow up with information re: First Communion practice dates/times.