

# FIRST HOLY COMMUNION RETREAT



The First Holy Communion /Reconciliation Retreat had to be put on hold. For this reason, Religious Education Program is asking parents to please do this at home. You should find the projects to be both educational and fun for the entire family.

Please complete the Retreat by June 15, 2020 and return the **completion form by June 30th.**

Please keep the journal and any other work in a safe place as children will be asked to bring them once we return to the classroom in the fall.

**RETREAT PARTICIPATION IS A REQUIRED STEP FOR THE PREPARATION FOR FIRST RECONCILIATION AND FIRST COMMUNION**

We appreciate your cooperation in completing the Retreat. Please check the St. Priscilla website often for parish news and events, participate in the live stream of the Holy Mass, and be sure your child knows the prayers on his/her prayer sheet. another. We look forward to the time we can all be together again.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Office of Religious Education Anna Harmata at 773-545-8840 or 773-685-3785  
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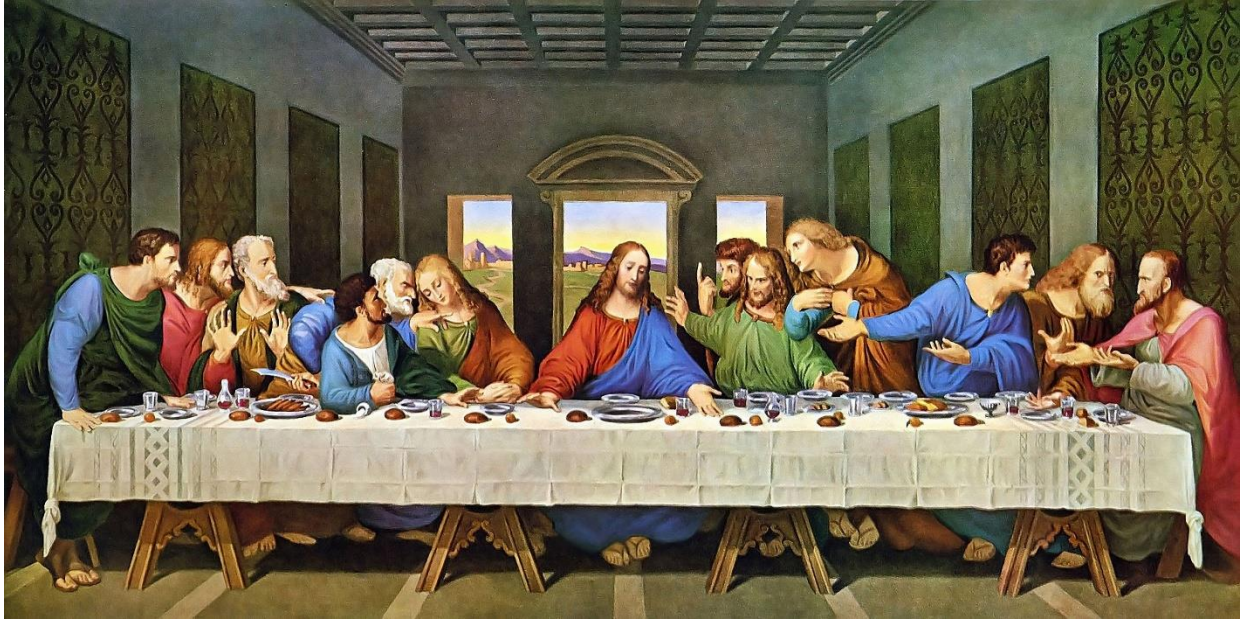
OBJECTIVE: Appreciate all that God has created, how every part of nature, every living thing has a purpose

BIBLE STUDY; Read and discuss the Story of Creation (Genesis 1:1-31)

PROJECT #1: Plant a seed. Keep a timeline from beginning with the date you plant, continue as the plant grows)

PROJECT #2 Take a walk on your own block and make a list of all things growing: grass, bugs, flower, Squirrels

PRAYER: Write a prayer to God thanking Him for all He has created.



**OBJECTIVE:** Understand Jesus gave us His Body and Blood  
**BIBLE STUDY:** Read and discuss the Last Supper (Luke 22:14-20)  
**PROJECT:** Using a recipe, a roll of dough, or a frozen product, bake a loaf of bread with your family.

At dinner, say the Blessing: Bless us, oh Lord, and these Thy gifts, which we are about to receive, from Thy bounty, through Christ *Our Lord*. Amen

Break (not cut with a knife) the bread and give each person a piece. Thank Jesus for giving Himself to you.

1. During dinner, talk about how you are looking forward to receiving the Holy Eucharist.
2. Ask your parents and older siblings how they felt the first time they were able to go to Communion.
3. **PRAYER:** Draw a picture of Jesus at the Last Supper



**OBJECTIVE:** Understanding Reconciliation

**BIBLE STUDY:** Read and discuss the Story of the Prodigal Son (Luke 15:11-32)

**PROJECT #1:** Answer the following questions:

1. Who does the father in the story represent?
2. What are some of the things the father does?
3. What does it feel like to have your mother/father forgive you?
4. Have you ever acted like either one of the sons? Give an example.
5. How about the prodigal son? What have you heard about him?

**PROJECT #2:** Talk to your child about reconciliation. Ask if he/she has any concerns/fears/questions? Share some of your feelings about reconciliation. Review the examination of conscience for children.

**PRAYER:** Make a card or write a letter to someone who has forgiven you. Make a card or write a letter to someone whom you have forgiven.





Objective: Understanding the Mass and the Eucharist.

PREPARATION: Talk to your child about Mass and the Eucharist. Share with him/her your understandings and what you are still learning about the Mass and the Eucharist. Talk about the importance of going to church every Sunday and how praising and worshiping God is the most important thing we can do.

PROJECT: Watch on YouTube the short movie (The Veil Removed) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OOLZDaTglaM> Go for a walk with your child (a good place to go would be the grotto at St. Priscilla) Talk about the Eucharist and the Mass. By showing God this act of love, He meets us at the Eucharist, and we truly receive His Body and Blood, which is communion with

God. With Jesus within us, we can go out and be like Him when we love and help others.

JOURNAL: Share the ways you can be like Jesus at home, at school, and when playing with your friends.

Write a letter to Jesus.



Saint Priscilla Religious Education Program  
**COMPLITION OF  
FIRST RECONCILIATION AND  
FIRST COMMUNION RETREAT**



*Student's Name* \_\_\_\_\_

*Completed the Reconciliation/First Communion Retreat.*

*Parents' Signature* \_\_\_\_\_

*Date* \_\_\_\_\_

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Retreat by June 15, 2020 and  
return the **completion form by June 30th**  
**to your catechist, Suzanne Moritz or to the Office of Religious Education**



