



Congratulations on your child's First Holy Communion!

- ❖ Your family should arrive 20 minutes before your scheduled Mass begins. The entire first row (either left or right of center aisle) will be reserved for your family (approximately 15 chairs). All other seats in Padua Hall are first come, first available. Because we are celebrating during our regular weekend public liturgies, we are unable to reserve more than that first row for you. Keep in mind that the open seating is set up following health, safety and physical distancing guidelines. These chairs may not be moved.
- ❖ **EVERYONE** also must follow the CDC and Diocesan health guidelines:
 - ❖ **wear masks** ❖ **sanitize hands** ❖ **arrive healthy**
- ❖ Although there will not be a professional photographer present, families may take appropriate photo opportunities. Please refrain from movement that may obstruct others' ability to pray well, or that may compromise the beauty and meaning of the liturgy in any way. Take the opportunity *following* Mass for photos in one of our beautiful outdoor prayer spaces.
- ❖ When it is time, your child will receive the Eucharist first (before your family / assembly) and will receive from the presiding priest. Since there will only be two families per Mass, please guide your child forward at the time of reception – one First Communicant at a time – leaving space for each child to have their special encounter with Jesus!
- ❖ Your child should remove their mask just prior to coming forward, and replace the mask as soon as they receive.
- ❖ Your child should approach Jesus with a small prayerful bow, offering that “throne” for Jesus with their hands. Father will say “The Body of Christ” as he places Communion on their hand. Your child should joyfully respond “**AMEN!**” (affirming their belief – YES, this is Jesus!) as they receive, and immediately place Jesus in their mouth – allowing Him to immediately enter their heart! Encourage them to offer a quiet prayer of love, joy & thanks to Jesus when they return to their seat.
- ❖ **REMAIN** in Mass until the last note of the recessional hymn ... taking joy in the beautiful sacrament your family has just celebrated! Then remember to continue to celebrate this grace often. 😊

PROUD & PRIVELEGED TO SERVE YOU IN FAITH! Sue