



## ERIE TRI-COUNTY CATHOLIC FAMILY OF PARISHES

### ST. MARY'S - ST. MICHAEL'S - SACRED HEART

Hello School Families!

We hope you have had a wonderful summer and our Family of Parishes is excited to journey with all of you this school year. We wanted to share with you some information concerning preparing for and celebrating the sacraments this year in our Family of Parishes.

Sacraments are celebrated in your home parish with your parish community. Our Family of Parishes serves three parishes: St. Mary's Church in Tillsonburg, Sacred Heart Church in Langton and St. Michael's Church in Walsh. If your home parish is not one of these, we strongly encourage you to contact your parish to find out how they are preparing and celebrating the sacraments this upcoming year.

#### 1ST RECONCILIATION & 1ST COMMUNION

Our Family of Parishes invites families to register their children **in grade two and up** (who have been baptized in the Catholic church) for the sacraments of first reconciliation and first communion. It is the continuation of the promises made at a child's baptism to raise them in the Catholic faith we profess. The first step is to gather as a community at a parent only or guardian only meeting to learn more about these sacraments and the process for families to journey towards celebrating reconciliation and communion with their children. Please share with family and friends the following dates for a Parent/Guardian Information Meeting (info is the same at either meeting):

**September 19th 7-8 pm at St. Mary's Tillsonburg in the Parish Hall**

**September 20th 7-8 pm at Sacred Heart Langton in the Church**

To register your child for these sacraments please go to our website or click on this link <https://etcfp.dol.ca/fr-fhc>.

#### CONFIRMATION

Our Family of Parishes invites families with young people who have celebrated baptism, as well as reconciliation and communion, who are **in grade eight and above**, to register for the Sacrament of Confirmation. We invite those candidates for Confirmation and their parents (or guardians), to a Confirmation Introduction Session to learn more about this sacrament and the process for families to journey towards this celebration. Please share with family and friends the following dates for the Confirmation Information Meeting (same info at either meeting):

**September 26 from 7-8:30 pm at St. Mary's Church in the Parish Hall**

**September 27 from 7-8:30 pm at Sacred Heart Langton in the Church**

To register for the sacrament of Confirmation please go to our website or click on this link <https://etcfp.dol.ca/confirmation>.

#### BAPTISM

Baptism is the initiating sacrament into the Christian life. If your child has not been baptized in the Roman Catholic faith and it is your wish to prepare for and celebrate this sacrament please go to <https://etcfp.dol.ca/baptism> to access all the information you need to register a child for baptism.

Our Family of Parishes website <https://etcfp.dol.ca> has all the information you need to engage in your home parish. We invite you to check it out! If you have any questions, or concerns, please feel free to contact me directly.

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