



St. Cecilia – Faith Formation
2017-2018

2nd Grade Sacrament Preparation Policy

Mass Attendance:

Each year the Church rejoices as our parish children faithfully prepare and receive for the first time the sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Communion. In the diocese of Paterson and here at St. Cecilia's our 2nd grade students are invited to participate in this preparation process. This is holy and exciting time for the children, parents, and all people involved.

Beginning in October, each 2nd grade student is required to attend Mass every Sunday, as well as all holy days of obligation. This is the first precept of the Church as outlined in the Catechism of the Catholic Church (see no. 2042), as well as a Commandment of God to keep holy the Sabbath. The participation in the celebration of the Eucharist is the 'source and summit' of our Catholic lives. During the baptismal rite, parents are asked to make a promise to God to raise their child in the faith. This includes training and practicing the faith with their child.

All students (or a parent) will be required to sign in before or after Mass. The sign in book will be located in the front of the Church before the statue of Mary. If a student attends Sunday Mass at a different parish, they are asked to simply pick up a bulletin and bring it in to their teacher at the next class.

Students (families) that are regularly missing Sunday Mass will be asked to reexamine their intentions for preparing to receive First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion.

Parent / Student / Priest Conferences:

All students and parents in 2nd grade will be required meet with at least one of the priests of the parish to discuss and determine the eligibility of the child to receive the sacraments of Penance & Holy Communion. Conferences will be scheduled for early February and will be only 15 minutes long. At least one parent will need to be present along with the student.