

***St. Margaret of Cortona***  
**Parents Sacrament Meeting Agenda**  
**2026**

**Registration**

Sign in and receive information packet  
Complete Registration form

**Welcome!**

Prayer

Prepare to take a walk/a journey with your child

- Make sure we have baptismal certificates!!
- Mass attendance
  - every Sunday
  - sit up front – where they can see, less distractions
  - Role modeling – Genuflect, Holy Week, Adoration
- confession
- prayer – learning prayers and praying together, praise
- read bible stories, the library has great collection of religious picture books
- Explore the Church
  - use packet of cards
  - make it fun and interesting
- Show reverence to the altar and the body and blood of Christ
  - Have child walk up to Holy Communion with you
- Place focus on the Lord, not the party, not the dress
- Mary Crowning
- **Must Be Registered with St. Margaret of Cortona**

**Schedule of Events**

First Communion/First Reconciliation Retreat

- February 7, 2026
- 12:45 pm to 5:00 pm
- Borrelli Parish Center
- Cost: \$25.00/child
- Casual dress: Warm and comfy!

Most of this day will be spent in busy activities including catechesis, snack, as well as arts and crafts. At the 4:00 pm Mass the children will be called to the sanctuary steps to make their **First Communion Promise**. After Mass they may be picked up in the Borrelli Center.

**First Reconciliation**

- Sunday March 1, 2026
- 2:45 p.m.
- St. Margaret of Cortona Church

### **Rehearsal for First Holy Communion**

- St. Margaret of Cortona Church
- Friday, April 17, 2026
- 6:00 pm
- **At least one parent must attend!**

### **Holy Hour (for Communicants and Families)**

- Friday, April 17, 2026, 7:00pm

### **First Holy Communion Mass**

- **Saturday, April 18, 2026, 4:00 PM**
- Attire
  - Resale shops, borrow, ask Ken
  - Strongly discourage carrying purses, bibles, etc.
  - Girls - White dresses
  - Boys - ties preferred. Jacket not required.
- Father Jeff will bless religious articles at the end of Mass. The kids should not have any purses, books or gifts with them during Mass.
- **No photography during Mass**
- Please meet in **Kulp Hall no later than 3:40 pm**. In case of heavy rain, please gather in the back of the church.
- Reserved seating for children only

Photography will be immediately following Mass in the church

### **For ages 8+ or *Children not attending the April 4<sup>th</sup> Mass***

- The rehearsal will be during the Retreat on February 7.
- First Communion Mass: Easter Vigil, Saturday April 4, 2026

### **Website**

<https://stmargaretcolumbus.org/religious-education>

## THINGS TO KNOW

### Requirements

#### Memorize

- 10 Commandments
- 7 Deadly Sins
- Sign of the Cross
- Our Father
- Hail Mary
- Glory Be
- Act of Contrition

Be familiar with (memorizing would be best) and understand the use of:

- The Magnificat
- The Anima Christi
- Prayer of St. Michael the Archangel

#### Understand

- Sin
- Examination of Conscience
- God's Forgiveness and the Church's Role
- Transubstantiation
- Real Presence

### Sign of the Cross

In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

### The Our Father

Our Father, Who art in heaven,  
Hallowed be Thy Name.  
Thy Kingdom come,  
Thy Will be done, on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil. Amen.

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*"The Lord's Prayer "is truly the summary of the whole gospel." "Since the Lord...after handling over the practice of prayer, said elsewhere, 'Ask and you will receive,' and since everyone has petitions which are peculiar to his circumstances, the regular and appropriate prayer (the Lord's Prayer) is said first, as the foundation of further desires."*  
- Tertullian, *De orat.* from the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*; 2761.

### The Hail Mary

Hail Mary,  
Full of Grace,  
The Lord is with thee.  
Blessed art thou among women,  
and blessed is the fruit  
of thy womb, Jesus.

Holy Mary,  
Mother of God,  
pray for us sinners now,  
and at the hour of death.  
Amen.

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*"Beginning with Mary's unique cooperation with the working of the Holy Spirit, the Churches developed their prayer to the holy Mother of God, centering it on the Person of Christ manifested in His mysteries. In countless hymns and antiphons expressing this prayer, two movements usually alternate with one another: the first "magnifies" the Lord for the "great things" He did for His lowly servant and through her for all human beings. The second entrusts the supplications and praises of the children of God to the Mother of Jesus, because she now knows the humanity which, in her, the Son of God espoused." -from the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*; 2675.*

### The Glory Be

Glory be to the Father,  
and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Spirit.  
As it was in the beginning,  
is now,  
and ever shall be,  
world without end.  
Amen.

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*"O the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and how inscrutable His ways! For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been His counselor? Or who has given a gift to Him that He might be repaid? For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things. To Him be glory for ever. Amen."* - Romans 11:33-36.

#### **Prayer of St. Michael the Archangel**

St. Michael the Archangel,  
defend us in battle.  
Be our defense against the wickedness and snares  
of the Devil.  
May God rebuke him, we humbly pray,  
and do thou,  
O Prince of the heavenly hosts,  
by the power of God,  
thrust into hell Satan,  
and all the evil spirits,  
who prowl about the world  
seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

#### **The Seven Deadly Sins**

1. Pride
2. Envy
3. Anger
4. Sloth
5. Lust
6. Avarice
7. Gluttony

#### **The Ten Commandments**

1. I am the LORD your God. You shall worship the Lord your God and Him only shall you serve.
2. You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.
3. Remember to keep holy the Sabbath day.
4. Honor your father and your mother.
5. You shall not kill.
6. You shall not commit adultery.
7. You shall not steal.

8. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.
9. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife.
10. You shall not covet your neighbor's goods.

#### **The Anima Christi**

*The Anima Christi is a prayer from around the 14th century. It is still widely used after receiving the body and blood of Our Lord, Jesus Christ in Holy Communion.*

Soul of Christ, sanctify me  
Body of Christ, save me  
Blood of Christ, inebriate me  
Water from Christ's side, wash me  
Passion of Christ, strengthen me  
O good Jesus, hear me  
Within Thy wounds hide me  
Suffer me not to be separated from Thee  
From the malicious enemy defend me  
In the hour of my death call me  
And bid me come unto Thee  
That I may praise Thee with Thy saints  
and with Thy angels  
Forever and ever  
Amen

#### **Act of Contrition**

O my God, I am heartily sorry for having offended Thee,  
and I detest all my sins because I dread the loss of Heaven and the pains of hell,  
but most of all because they offend Thee, my God,  
who art all good and deserving of all my love.  
I firmly resolve with the help of Thy grace,  
to confess my sins,  
to do penance,  
and to amend my life.  
Amen.

*"You" can be used as a substitute for the informal "Thee"*

## Sacrament Photography Order Form

Payment must accompany the order form. Make checks payable to Larry Pishitelli.

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

e-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

You have a choice of three different pictures:

(A) - Child Receiving the Sacrament (IF PERMITTED),

(B) - *Portrait after Mass of Child and Family*,

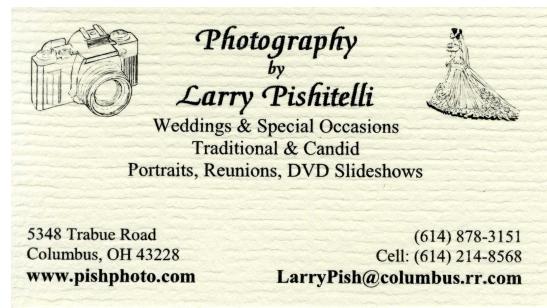
(C) - 8 x 10 Group Photo of the Class (Priest & Teachers included).

The "Package" consists of: 2 – 5 x 7's, plus 8 – Wallets, *all of the same picture*.

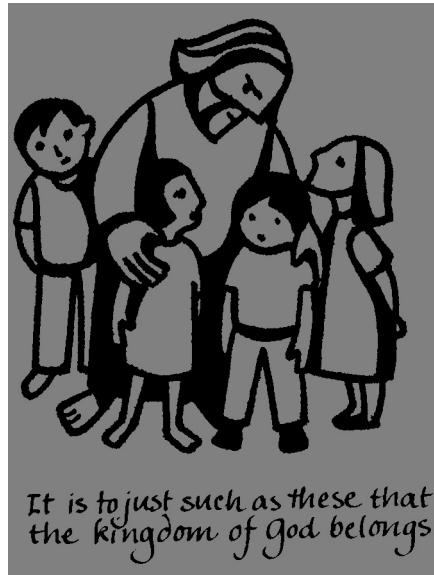
Quantity	Picture	Unit Price	Total
	<b>1 – 8 x 10 Group Photo of Class (C)</b> <b>PLUS Package</b> (2 – 5 x 7's, plus 8 – Wallets of Child Receiving Sacrament (A))	\$29.00	
	<b>Package</b> (2 – 5 x 7's, plus 8 – Wallets of Child Receiving Sacrament (A))	\$23.00	
	Child Receiving Sacrament (A)	<b>5 x 7 = \$7.00</b>	
		<b>8 x 10 = \$12.00</b>	
		<b>8 – Wallets = \$12.00</b>	
	<b>1 – 8 x 10 Group Photo of Class (C)</b> <b>PLUS Package</b> (2 – 5 x 7's, plus 8 – Wallets of <i>Portrait After Mass with Child and Family</i> (B))	\$29.00	
	<b>Package</b> (2 – 5 x 7's, plus 8 – Wallets of <i>Portrait After Mass with Child and Family</i> (B))	\$23.00	
	<i>Portrait After Mass with Child and Family</i> (B)	<b>5 x 7 = \$7.00</b>	
		<b>8 x 10 = \$12.00</b>	
		<b>8 – Wallets = \$12.00</b>	
	<b>8 x 10 Group Photo of Class (C)</b>	\$12.00	
	<b>Grand Total</b>		

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If permitted, we will attempt to take a picture of each student receiving the sacrament (A). A group picture will be taken of the entire class (C) after Mass. Then, individual pictures will be taken of the student with or without the family on the altar (B). **If you order this picture, please be sure to stay and have it taken immediately after the class group picture is taken!**  
Additional poses may be taken & the prints are an additional cost.



## FIRST EUCHARIST PROMISE



Priest: Children, today you are asked to stand before Our Lord, your parents and the people of St. Margaret of Cortona to make a special promise to prepare yourselves for your First Holy Communion. Are you ready to make this promise?

Children: **Yes, we are ready to make our promise.**

Priest: Do you promise to study hard and learn all you can about the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist?

Children: **We promise to study hard and learn all we can about the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist.**

Priest: As children of God, do you promise to try to treat others as Jesus would treat them?

Children: **We promise to try to love and care about others as Jesus would.**

Priest: Do you promise to say your prayers every day and come to Holy Mass every week?

Children: **We promise to say our prayers every day. We promise to come to Holy Mass every week. We promise to try to learn and love and grow as children of God.**

Priest: I know you will do your best. Mr. Hagy has a prayer card and a gift from the Prayer Shawl ministry for each of you to remember this day.