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Dear Parents of Grades 5, 6, 7 and 8 Students,

Has your son or daughter made their First Communion?

If not, we encourage you to begin the process now. It does not matter what grade your child is in, the process for First Communion begins by requesting a First Communion enrolment form when you are at Mass on Saturday evening (5:00 p.m.) or Sunday (8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m. or 4:00 p.m.). Complete the form, return it, and we will begin the process with you.

Normally, children make their First Reconciliation (Confession) before First Communion. There will be a meeting regarding this sacrament on **Wednesday, February 1st at 7:30 p.m. for parents.** If you can attend the 7:00 p.m. Mass before the meeting you would be most welcome.

Is the issue bigger for your family? Do you need to have children baptized, or had them baptized in a Protestant tradition and now wish them to be raised Catholic? Please call the parish and we will work with you through the coming months to resolve these issues. For older children, there is a small program of preparation for Baptism which is followed by Baptism of all older children together. Likewise, we organize First Communions for older children together as well.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

Fr. Frank

Rev. Francis V. McDevitt,
Pastor

FVM/ss

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www.stmarysbarrie.com