

# St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Religious Education

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Dear SEAS Family,

Welcome to a new year in our faith formation program for sacramental preparation. We would like to express how much we appreciate the fact that you are taking your baptismal promise to heart and allowing us to work in collaboration with you to help guide your child on the most important journey of their life, their spiritual journey. As parents/caregivers, you know religious education begins in the home and this is the most important place for your child to learn their faith

## **First Eucharist preparation for your child:**

The first time a child receives the Holy Eucharist is a very special day in their life with Jesus.

They learn how special it is that Jesus gave everything He had to help us get closer to God.

Sacrifice is hard, but God loves us so much.

We will begin **Saturday March 12<sup>th</sup>** with a parent informational meeting at 3:00 PM in the church basement under the rectory office. Enter at the back entrance where the garage is located.

## **Please bring a copy of your child's baptism certificate to the gathering.**

The Church and our program are here to support parents as the primary catechists of their children. Faith is not something we can learn in a gathering that meets one hour a week; it is something we live and grow into with our families. It is a relationship, a relationship with God. Nothing that is done in our faith formation program will make any sense to our children if the faith is not a part of their home life. Practicing the faith at home includes praying together, reading the Bible together, talking about faith, and, most importantly, **attending Sunday Mass**. Our faith formation website [www.seasred.weebly.com](http://www.seasred.weebly.com) has a lot of information to help your family engage in the faith where ever you are with an internet connection. Any updates will be posted on the website under the sacrament button. If your family is facing obstacles please do not hesitate to contact myself for support, suggestions, or solutions.

Blessings,

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