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Dear Parents,

It is a pleasure to introduce myself Fr. George Parayil as your new pastor of St. Padre Pio Church. As we begin this school year our students in grade 2 are beginning their preparation for their **First Reconciliation and First Communion**.

Because these are special events in your child's life, the Parish would like to work with you as you prepare your child. The most important preparation right now is that you should accompany your child to Sunday Mass each week.

Masses for St. Padre Pio Parish are held at the church on Saturdays at 5:00 pm and Sundays at 8:00 am (Italian), 9:15 am, 10:30 am and 12:00 noon.

It is very important that your child should become accustomed to the ceremonies of the Mass through regular attendance. At the 10:30 and 12:00 noon Masses, we have a Children's Liturgy Program where children, ages 4 to 9 leave at the beginning of Mass and have the Liturgy of the Word at their level. They then return to their parents at the Offertory of the Mass. When you come up to receive Holy Communion, you should bring your child with you to receive a special blessing from the priest, or Minister of Communion.

You and your son/daughter are invited to a Parent Information and Registration Night on Wednesday, October 5th at 7:30 pm at the church. More information regarding dates and information will be handed out at this meeting.

Please bring your completed registration form along with a copy of your child's baptismal certificate and a registration fee (cash or cheque, payable to St. Padre Pio Church) to the Registration Night. The registration fee will help cover the cost of administrative fees and materials.

Students in the Private/Public schools or students participating in our catechism program will receive an email from the Catechism Preparation team regarding dates, time and location of catechesis classes.

We look forward to being part of this very special preparation time with your child and your family.

Yours sincerely,

Rev. Fr. George Parayil

Pastor