

# Communion veil prevails for three generations

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A Baltimore County family maintains a sacramental tradition, as a first Communion veil was worn by a third generation of the family this year.

The veil was originally worn March 24, 1962, when Mary Germaine (Sacha) Schaefer made her first Communion at St. Wenceslaus Church in East Baltimore. In 1990, her daughter, Michelle Mary Schaefer, wore the same veil when she made her first Communion, at Church of the Annunciation in Rosedale.

Stephanie Elizabeth Schaefer, a granddaughter, continued the family tradition May 5, wearing the veil to take first Communion at St. Ursula, Parkville.

Mary Schaefer and her husband, John, are parishioners of St. Clement Mary Hofbauer, Rosedale. Their son, Michael, and his wife, Nancy, are the parents of Stephanie.

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*Mary Germaine Schaefer, Michelle Mary Schaefer and Stephanie Elizabeth Schaefer, mother, daughter and granddaughter, respectively, all wore the same first Communion veil, in 1962, 1990 and most recently May 5. (Courtesy Schaefer Family)*