



CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. CATHARINE OF SIENA



ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CHURCH

2024-2025 Preliminary PREP CALENDAR / Weekly Class Sessions 9:45am – 11am

SEPTEMBER 2024

8, 22, 29 – PREP in session

Sept. 8 – 1ST DAY OF PREP CLASSES, Student & Parent, 9:30am in the Walson Center (across from the school)

Sept. 15 – NO PREP - *Catechetical Sunday*, PREP students are invited to join us at the **9:30 AM Mass** to witness the *Commissioning of our Catechists* (their teacher).

OCTOBER 2024

6, 20, 27 – PREP in session

Oct. 13 – NO PREP (*Columbus Day holiday weekend*)

NOVEMBER 2024

3, 10, 17, 24 – PREP in session

DECEMBER 2024

8, 15 – PREP in session

Dec. 1 – NO PREP

Dec. 8, Advent Confessions during PREP class session, grades 4 - 8

Dec. 9th - Mass for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, 7pm in Church

3rd grade: 6pm, Sacrament of First Reconciliation, Church; Remain for 7 PM Vigil Mass

7 & 8 grade: 7pm Mass, Confirmation, Covenant Ceremony (Gr 7) & Candidate Enrollment (Gr 8)

December 22 & 29 – NO PREP (*Christmas Break*)

JANUARY 2025

5, 12, 26 – PREP in session

Jan. 19 – NO PREP (*MLK Jr. holiday weekend*)

FEBRUARY 2025

2, 19, 23 – PREP in session

Feb. 16 – NO PREP (*President's Day holiday weekend*) - possible snow make-up day.

MARCH 2025

2, 9, 23, 30 – PREP in session

March 5 – Ash Wednesday – Lent begins

March 23 – Lenten Confessions during PREP class session, grades 3 - 8

March 16 – NO PREP (*St. Patrick's Day Parade*) - possible snow make-up day.

APRIL 2025

6, 13 – PREP in session

(April 13 Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion)

April 20 – NO PREP – Easter, Resurrection Sunday

April 27 – NO PREP – St. Luke's Half Marathon weekend (local road closure)

April 29 (Tues) - 2025 Communicants and Confirmandi invited to participate in the 7pm Holy Hours procession.

MAY 2025

4, 18 – PREP in session

May 4 – 3rd grade only do not attend class, Sacrament of First Holy Communion

May 11 – NO PREP, MAY CROWNING at 9:30am Mass, 1st Holy Communicants wear their communion attire.

May 18 - LAST DAY OF PREP CLASSES

See back page for Sacrament related dates (parent meeting, retreats, rehearsals, and special Masses).

2024-2025 SACRAMENT Important Dates
Parent Meetings, Retreats, Rehearsals, Special Masses

3rd Graders

Sacrament of FIRST RECONCILIATION

Nov. 3, 2024: Parent Meeting, 12:30 PM in the PAC

December 9, 2024: Sacrament of First Reconciliation, 6 PM in Church

Families are asked to remain for our 7pm Immaculate Conception Vigil Mass

Sacrament of FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

March 30, 2025: Communion Retreat / Final Parent Meeting, 12:30pm in the PAC

April 26, 2025: 10am-12pm Rehearsal in the Church

May 3 & 4, 2025: SACRAMENT OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION



8th graders

Sacrament of CONFIRMATION

November 17, 2024: Final Parent, Candidate & Sponsor Meeting, 12:30pm in the PAC

Candidate, Sponsor & Parent/Guardian must attend.

December 9, 2024: *Candidate Enrollment ceremony, during 7pm Feast of the Immaculate Conception Mass*

Please Note:

Our 2025 Sacrament of Confirmation **Retreat and Rehearsal dates** will be issued once we receive our assigned Sacrament Mass date from the Bishop's office in mid-late summer.

Our 2025 Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated at St. Paul R.C. Church, 920 S. 2nd Street, Allentown, PA 18103.



7th graders

2026 Sacrament of Confirmation

Cathedral 7th grade students preparing for the 2026 Sacrament of Confirmation with a Parent/Guardian must attend.

December 9, 2024: *Covenant ceremony during 7pm Immaculate Conception Vigil Mass*

March 9, 2025: Confirmation Red Project Folder Student & Parent Meeting, 12:30 pm in the PAC
(March 23, snow date)