



CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. CATHARINE OF SIENA



ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CHURCH

2025-2026 **Preliminary** PREP Calendar

Weekly Class Sessions 9:45 AM – 11:15 AM

SEPTEMBER 2025

14, 21, 28 – PREP class in session

Sept. 14 – PREP OPENS – 9:30 AM Mass (Blessing of the Catechists) followed immediately in the PAC, Parent Mtg & dismissal of students to school. Students will be dismissed from their classrooms at 11:15 AM.

OCTOBER 2025

5, 19, 26 – PREP class in session

Oct. 12: NO PREP, Columbus Day holiday

NOVEMBER 2025

2, 9, 16, 23 – PREP class in session

Nov. 30: NO PREP, Thanksgiving holiday

DECEMBER 2025

7, 14 – PREP class in session

Dec. 1 – NO PREP

Dec. 7th - Advent Confessions during PREP class, grades 4 – 8, 9:45 AM – 10:15 AM

Dec. 8th: 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 21 & 28: NO PREP, Christmas break

JANUARY 2026

4, 11, 25 – PREP class in session

Jan. 18 – NO PREP, MLK Jr. holiday

FEBRUARY 2026

8, 22 – PREP class in session

Feb. 15 – NO PREP, President's Day holiday - possible snow make-up day.

Feb. 18 – Ash Wednesday – Lent begins

MARCH 2026

1, 8, 15, 22 – PREP class in session

March 15 - Lenten Confessions during PREP class session, grades 3 – 8, 9:45 AM – 10:15 AM

March 29: Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion – Holy Week begins....

APRIL 2026

12, 19 – PREP class in session

April 5: NO PREP – Resurrection of the Lord (Easter) Sunday

April 26: NO PREP – St. Luke's Half Marathon weekend (local road closure)

MAY 2026

3, 17 – PREP class in session

May 10: MAY CROWNING at 9:30am Mass, 1st Holy Communicants wear their communion attire.

May 17 - **LAST DAY OF PREP CLASSES**

* See the back page for Sacrament related dates of parent meetings, retreats, rehearsals, and special Masses.

2025-2026 SACRAMENTS

Important Dates

Parent Meetings, Retreats, Rehearsals, Special Masses

3rd Grade

*for the **Sacrament of First Reconciliation***

Nov. 9, 2025: Parent Meeting, 12:30 PM in the PAC

December 8, 2025: **Sacrament of First Reconciliation, 6 PM in Church**

Families are asked to remain for our 7 PM Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception Mass

*for the **Sacrament of First Holy Communion***

April 12, 2026: **Communicants *Retreat & Final Parent Meeting**, 12:30pm in the PAC. *Mandatory Attendance

April 18, 2026: Rehearsal, 10am-11am, in the Church. Mandatory Attendance.

May 2 & 3, 2026: **SACRAMENT OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION Masses.**



8th Grade

*for the **2026 Sacrament of Confirmation***

➤ **October 26, 2025:** Final Parent, Candidate & Sponsor Mtg., 12:30pm in the PAC. Mandatory Attendance.

➤ **December 8, 2025:** **Candidate Enrollment Ceremony, 7 PM Immaculate Conception Mass**

(Mandatory Attendance of all 2026 Confirmation Candidates).

➤ **Confirmation Retreat, Candidates Only - Mandatory Attendance.**

Date & Time: **Saturday, Jan. 17, 2026, 9:45 AM - 1:30 PM** (snow date: Jan. 24, 2025)

Location: **Fatima House Retreat Center, 601 Rolling Hills Rd., Ottsville, PA 18942**

➤ **Confirmation Rehearsal: DATE TO COME**

Cathedral Parish of St. Catharine of Siena, 10AM – 12 PM, Mandatory attendance Candidate & Sponsor.

2026 Rite of Confirmation within the MASS

DATE TO COME

4:30 PM (Candidates & Sponsors must arrive by 4PM)

at the **Cathedral Parish of St. Catharine of Siena**

located at the corner of N. 18th St. & W. Turner St., Allentown, PA 18104



7th Grade

*for the **2027 Sacrament of Confirmation***

Cathedral & St. Francis of Assisi Parishes, 7th grade students preparing for 2027 Sacrament of Confirmation.

December 8, 2025: **Covenant Ceremony, 7 PM Immaculate Conception Mass**

March 1, 2026: Candidate & Parent Confirmation Kick-Off Mtg (Red Project Folder) 12:30 PM in the PAC

Preliminary Calendar, updated June 5, 2025

