



CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. CATHARINE OF SIENA



ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CHURCH

2026-2027 **Preliminary** PREP Calendar

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

September 2026:

13th, 20th, 27th - PREP in Session

13th - PREP Opening Mass, 9:30 AM (Catechist Blessing); 10:30 AM student & Parent Mtg. in PAC; 10:45 AM students to classrooms, parents remain. Student dismissal 11:15 AM.

20th – Diocese 65th Jubilee Family Day at the Allentown Fairgrounds – afternoon activities and more!

October 2026:

4th, 18th, 25th - PREP in Session

11th - NO PREP (Columbus Day)

November 2026:

1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd - PREP in Session

29th - NO PREP (Thanksgiving)

December 2026:

6th, 13th - PREP in Session

20th & 27th - NO PREP (Christmas)

January 2027:

3rd, 10th, 24th, 31st - PREP in Session

17th - NO PREP (MLK Jr. Day)

February 2027:

7th, 21st, 28th - PREP in Session

10th - LENT begins...Ash Wednesday

14th - NO PREP (President's Day)

March 2027:

7th, 14th - PREP in Session

21st - NO PREP (Palm Sunday)

28th - NO PREP (Easter Sunday)

April 2027:

4th, 11th, 18th - PREP in Session

25th - NO PREP (St. Luke's Marathon)

May 2027:

2nd – LAST DAY OF PREP!

* See the back page for important 2027 Sacrament related dates

2026-2027 SACRAMENTS

Important Dates

Parent Meetings, Retreats, Rehearsals, Special Masses

3rd Grade

for the **Sacrament of First Reconciliation**

Nov. 8, 2026: Parent Meeting, 12:30 PM in the PAC

December 7, 2026: **Sacrament of First Reconciliation, 6 PM in Church**

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

for the **Sacrament of First Holy Communion**

April 11, 2027: **Communicants *Retreat & Final Parent Meeting, 12:30pm in the PAC. *Mandatory Attendance**

April 17, 2027: **Rehearsal, 10am-11am, in the Church. Mandatory Attendance.**

May 1 & 2, 2027: SACRAMENT OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION Masses.

Family selects Mass Day/time for their child to receive their Sacrament, options are:

May 1st, Sat. 4:15 PM Vigil Mass

May 2nd, Sun. 9:30 or 11:30 AM Mass



8th Grade

for the **2027 Sacrament of Confirmation**

- **October 25, 2026: Final Parent, Candidate & Sponsor Mtg., 12:30pm in the PAC. Mandatory Attendance.**

December 7, 2026: **Enrollment Ceremony, 7 PM in the Church, during our Holy Day Vigil Mass**

(Mandatory Attendance of all 2027 Confirmation Candidates).

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

Date & Time: **Saturday, Jan. 16, 2027, 9:45 AM - 1:30 PM** (snow date: Jan. 23, 2027)

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

Note: The following will take place at **St. Francis of Assisi Church, 1046 W Cedar St., Allentown, PA 18102**

Dates will be set after we receive our assigned date for Confirmation from the Bishop's office

- **Confirmation Rehearsal: DATE TO COME** (snow date TBD)
10AM – 12 PM, Mandatory attendance Candidate & Sponsor.

2027 Rite of Confirmation within the MASS

DATE TO COME

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

St. Francis of Assisi Church, 1046 W Cedar St., Allentown, PA 18102



7th Grade

for the **2028 Sacrament of Confirmation**

Cathedral & St. Francis of Assisi Parishes, 7th grade students preparing for 2028 Sacrament of Confirmation.

December 7, 2026: **Covenant Ceremony, 7 PM in the Church, during our Holy Day Vigil Mass**

February 7, 2027: Candidate & Parent Confirmation Kick-Off Mtg (**Red Project Folder**) 12:30 PM in the PAC

Preliminary Calendar

issued April 2026 - **Subject to change**

