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# St. Mary's Parish Religious Education Program 2017-2018

## CALENDAR AND SCHEDULED EVENTS

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*Weekly attendance at Mass is a must for all those who wish to practice our Catholic faith. Christ asks for one hour. With that said, here is the educational component to your children's faith.*

### **SUMMER SESSION**

2 weeks: June 19th - June 30th

8:00 AM - 11:30 AM

Please report to the Parish Center (gym). Also, the students will be dismissed from the Parish Center. All students must be signed in and out each day.

On June 29th (Thursday), the students will be going on a field trip to the Saint John Neumann Shrine in Philadelphia. This is part of the PREP Program. We plan to return by 1:30 PM. However, if your child does not attend the field trip, he/she is required to come to PREP class that day.

The Summer Session will be followed up with two 30 minute review meetings as well as assessment dates throughout the year. These are necessary to strengthen the program and include your family. We will meet on Sundays after the 10:30 AM Mass in the Parish Center. The first one will be Sunday, November 19, 2017. **Please mark your calendar.**

### **CALENDAR OF SCHEDULED EVENTS**

September 30th (Saturday) - St. Francis Blessing of Animals at 11:30 AM

October 6th (Friday) to October 8 (Sunday) - Forty Hours Devotion begins at St. Mary Church.

October 6th - Forty Hours Devotion - 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM

October 7th - Forty Hours Devotion - 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM

October 8th - Forty Hours Devotion ends at the 10:30 AM Mass

October 14th (Saturday) - October Fest - 1:00-9:00 PM - Please consider volunteering at this parish event.

November 1st (Wednesday) - Feast of All Saints - Holy Day of Obligation - Vigil Mass at 4:00 PM; Evening Mass at 7:00 PM at St. Mary's on November 1st

November 2nd (Thursday) - All Souls- Mass at 7:00 PM at St. Mary's

November 19th (Sunday) - 10:30 AM Mass followed by a 30 minute meeting in the Parish Center. All students of the parish and their parents are encouraged to attend. This refers to all PREP and Homeschooled students (Grades 1, 3, 4, & 5). The meeting will begin at 11:30 AM and will end at 12 noon.

November 23rd (Thursday) - Thanksgiving Day Mass at 8:00 AM at St. Mary's

December 1st (Friday) - Christmas Bazaar - 5:00-8:00 PM

December 2nd (Saturday) - Christmas Bazaar - 9:00 AM-1:00 PM; Breakfast with Santa

December 17th (Sunday) - Christmas Play opens at the 10:30 AM Mass. All students in Grades K, 1, 2, and 3 are requested to participate. More details will be given later.

January 21, 2018 (Sunday) - 10:30 AM Mass followed by lunch in the Parish Center for all students and their families. After lunch, the PREP and Homeschooled students in grades 1, 3, 4, & 5 will be assessed on their material they have studied at home. If your child is absent or it is inclement weather, the assessment will be on January 28th (Sunday) after the 10:30 AM Mass in the Parish Center.

January 27, 2018 (Saturday) - Old Fashioned Family Dinner after the 4:00 PM Mass; see the bulletin for further details

February 3rd (Saturday) - Reconciliation Retreat is required at 9:00-11:30 AM at Holy Trinity - Inclement weather or snow date will be February 10th.

February 4th (Sunday) - Students in grades 4 and 5 are encouraged to report to Holy Trinity Church after the 10:30 AM Mass to receive their Living Stations assignments. Confirmation PREP students are **required** to participate. Practices will take place on Sundays after the 10:30 Mass from February 4th to March 18th.

February 17th (Saturday) - Confirmation at 10:30 AM. Students report at 9:45 AM to the Parish Hall with their gowns.

February 24th (Saturday) - First Reconciliation at 10:00 AM at Holy Trinity Church

March 25th (Sunday) - Palm Sunday; After the 10:30 AM Mass, there will be an Easter Egg Hunt and Bake Sale in the Parish Center.

March 29th - Holy Thurs. - Mass at 7:00 PM.

March 30th - Good Friday - Living Stations at 7:00 PM at Holy Trinity Church. Students involved in Living Stations will report to Holy Trinity Church at 4:30 PM. Dinner will be provided.

April 1st - Easter Sunday

April 7th (Saturday) - First Holy Communion Retreat is required at 9:00-11:30 AM at St. Mary Church. The Sacramental Preparation Fee for First Holy Communion is due (\$50).

April 17th (Tuesday) - First Holy Communion Practice at 7:00 PM

April 22nd (Sunday) - All PREP and Homeschooled students will have their final assessment at 9:00 AM in the Parish Center.

April 24th (Tuesday) - First Holy Communion Practice at 7:00 PM

April 29th (Sunday) - First Holy Communion **Mass at 12:00 PM**. Students are to report at 11:30 AM to the Parish Hall.

May 6th (Sunday) - Crowning of Mary at 10:30 AM Mass; First Holy Communion and Confirmation students are **required** to attend this liturgy and participate in the procession. First Holy Communion students are to wear their Communion outfits and Confirmation students are to wear their Sunday best (no jeans, shorts, sweatshirts, t-shirts, flip-flops, etc.)

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Please note that the **PREP, Holy Family School students and Homeschoolers** are included in all sacraments and activities listed above. Also, they will be included in additional Confirmation, Reconciliation, and Holy Communion classes that are required in order to be prepared for the reception of the sacraments. These dates will be provided by their teachers.

We need \$25 a week contribution (in your weekly envelope) to cover the expenses to continue to run the above program. It is necessary to attend Mass each week in order to receive the sacraments. You have to set the example for your children. The delayed dates for those who do not meet the requirements will be determined by the Pastor.

**Please mark your calendars for next year's 2018 PREP Classes: June 18th - 29th; 8:00-11:30 AM.** Thank you for acknowledging the needs of your families in regards to your faith!

One day at a time with the Lord!  
-Fr. Hutter