

September 2020

Date	Time	Event
July - Oct		Confirmation and First Communion ceremonies for the 2019-20 school year students.
Sept 29	7:00 pm	Catechist and Home-School Parent Kick-off Meeting in HI. – For Grades 1 – 4 only
Sept 30		Monsignor Bob's 74 th Birthday!

October

Date	Time	Event
Oct 1	7:00 pm	Catechist and Home-School Parent Kick-off Meeting in HI. – For Grades 5 – 8 only
Oct 3	9:00 am	Blessing of the Animals. New Location: Parking lot behind 38 Church Hill at St Francis Statue.
Oct 6	7:00 pm	New Catechist Meeting in HI
Oct 11	9:15 am	Sunday Classes with students begin.
Oct 12	4:30 pm	Monday Classes with students begin. (This is Columbus Day; Newtown Public School students are in school)
	7 pm	Monday Evening Classes with students begin.
Oct 13	4:30 pm	Tuesday Classes with students begin.
TBD (during classes?)		6th Grade Bible Distribution / Lesson - with Parents In HI

November

Date	Time	Event
Oct 31/Nov 1		Special Collection for Religious Education – All masses
Nov 1		Daylight Saving Time Ends
Nov 1		All Saints Day (Holy Day of Obligation)
Nov 2		All Souls Day
Nov 3		No Classes: Election Day
Nov 12	4:30 pm	Coordinators Meeting in 38
Nov 19	4:30 pm	Home School Meeting in HI
Nov 23-24		Preparation/Review for Reconciliation. Catechists will do a lesson during classes
Nov 26		Thanksgiving Day – offices closed 11/26 – 11/29
Nov 29		No classes – Thanksgiving weekend
Nov 30		Advent Reconciliation for Monday classes. See below for drop-off location. Pick-up is in usual location
		Monday afternoon: 1st and 2nd grade – regular class schedule
		3rd and 4th grade go directly to the church (Fr. to speak at beginning)
		5th and 6th grade go directly to class
		Monday evening: 7th and 8th grade go directly to the church (Fr. to speak at beginning)

December

Date	Time	Event
Dec 1		Advent Reconciliation for Tuesday classes. See below for drop-off location. Pick-up is in usual location
		Tuesday afternoon: 1st and 2nd grade – regular class schedule
		3rd, 4th and 5th grade go directly to the church (Fr. to speak at beginning)
		6th, 7th and 8th grade go directly to class
Dec 6	1:00 pm	Rehearsal for Live Nativity in HI
Dec 8		Feast of Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Holy Day of Obligation)
Dec 12	5:00 pm	Live Nativity after 4:00 pm Mass at stable. (No snow date)
Dec 14		8 th Anniversary of Sandy Hook.
Dec 20	1:00 pm	Rehearsal for Christmas Eve Children's Nativity in HI
Dec 24	4:00 pm	Children's Nativity during Christmas Eve mass at Newtown High School.
Dec 27-29		No classes – Christmas break

January, 2021

Date	Time	Event
Jan 1		Feast of Solemnity of Mary (Holy Day of obligation)
Jan 3		No classes – New Year’s break
Jan 4-5		Classes Resume
Jan 10-12		2nd Grade Reconciliation Preparation - during class times in HI. Attendance is Mandatory. Parents/Guardians need to attend. (St. Rose School attend Sunday 9:15 am).
Jan 17-18		No classes – Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. observance
Jan 19		Tuesday classes in session
Jan 30		2nd Grade First Reconciliation. (Snow date: Feb 6) Children <u>and parents</u> start in church. Reception to follow in HI.
	9:30 am	Session 1 Catechists/classes to be assigned (St. Rose School attend this session)
	12:30 pm	Session 2 Catechists/classes to be assigned

February

Date	Time	Event
Feb 6		Snow date for First Reconciliation. Same place and times.
Feb 11	4:30 pm	Coordinator Meeting in 38
Feb 14-16		No Classes – Winter break (follows Newtown Public School calendar)
Feb 17		Ash Wednesday – See bulletin for mass schedule
Feb 18	4:30 pm	Home School Meeting in HI
Feb 22-23		Lenten Reconciliation during class times. See below for drop-off location. Pick-up is in usual location. Monday afternoon: 1st grade – regular class schedule 2nd, 3rd and 4th grade go directly to the church (Fr. to speak at beginning) 5th and 6th grade go directly to class Monday evening: 7th and 8th grade go directly to the church (Fr. to speak at beginning) Tuesday afternoon: 1st grade – regular class schedule 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th grade go directly to the church (Fr. to speak at beginning) 6th, 7th and 8th grade go directly to class

March

Date	Time	Event
Mar 7-9		2nd Grade 1st Communion Preparation for students and parents/guardians during class times in HI (St. Rose School students attend Sunday, Mar 8 at 9:15 am). Attendance is mandatory.
Mar 14		Daylight Savings Time begins
TBD		5th and 6th Grade and RCIA - Instructional Mass with parents in the Church. Attendance is mandatory. <u>Classes will still meet Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday of this week.</u>
Mar 28		Palm Sunday

April

Date	Time	Event
Apr 2		Good Friday – Offices closed
TBD		Stations of the Cross for Children (Rehearsal at 10:00 am in church) -COORDINATOR NEEDED!
Apr 4		Easter Sunday
Apr 11-13		No classes - Spring break (Follows Newtown Public Schools calendar)
Apr 17-18		2nd Grade Butterfly Weekend. All children who will celebrate First Communion bring their “butterfly banners” to the mass that they attend this weekend.
Apr 26-28		Last week of classes
Apr 26	4:30 pm	<i>Rehearsal</i> for 1 st Communion Ceremony 1 - See end of calendar for details.
Apr 27	4:30 pm	<i>Rehearsal</i> for 1 st Communion Ceremony 2 – See end of calendar for details.
Apr 30	4:30 pm	<i>Rehearsal</i> for 1 st Comm. Readers and Gift Bearers only - Ceremony 1/2 - See end of calendar for details.

May

Date	Time	Event
May 1	10:00 am	First Communion ceremony (Ceremony 1). (St Rose School attend this ceremony) See end of calendar for details.
May 1	1:30 pm	First Communion ceremony (Ceremony 2). See end of calendar for details.
May 3	4:30 pm	<i>Rehearsal</i> for 1 st Communion Ceremony 3 – See end of calendar for details.
May 7		<i>Rehearsal</i> for 1 st Comm. Readers and Gift Bearers only - Ceremony 3 - See end of calendar for details.
May 8	10:00 am	First Communion ceremony (Ceremony 3). See end of calendar for details.
May 9		Mother's Day
May 13		Ascension Thursday (Holy Day of Obligation)
May 13	4:30 pm	Coordinators Meeting in 38.
May 20	4:30 pm	Home School Meeting in HI.
TBD		Catechist Gathering
May 23		Pentecost Sunday
May 31		Memorial Day (Observed – Offices Closed)

June/July

TBD		Carnival
TBD		Vacation Bible School

TBD **7th Grade** Retreat – Mandatory for all students. Meet in Gathering Hall. (RE and SRS students)
Will include Adoration and Confessions.

TBD **8th Grade** Retreat with Sean Forest. "Family Faith Night" (RE and SRS students)
This is Mandatory for students and Parents/Guardians – In Gathering Hall.

TBD **6th Grade** Seder for RE students and Parents/Guardians during class time in HI - Mandatory class.

TBD **8th Grade** Candlelight Mass for Confirmation candidates and parents/sponsors. (Snow date Mar 24).
Students are to attend class this week as well.

First Communion Ceremonies

Ceremony 1 – May 1, 10:00 am (St. Rose School attend this ceremony):

Apr 26	4:30 pm	1st Communion rehearsal, 4:30 – 6:00 pm. At 4:30pm children start in church and parents go to HI ; <u>at 5:15pm parents join their children</u> in church
Apr 30	4:30 pm	Reader and Gift Bearers Rehearsal (church)
May 1	9:00 am	Children are to report to HI
	10:00 am	Ceremony starts

Ceremony 2 – May 1, 1:30 pm

Apr 27	4:30 pm	1st Communion rehearsal, 4:30 – 6:00 pm. At 4:30pm children start in church and parents go to HI ; <u>at 5:15pm parents join their children</u> in church
Apr 30	5:15 pm	Reader and Gift Bearers Rehearsal (church)
May 1	12:30 pm	Children are to report to HI
	1:30 pm	Ceremony starts

Ceremony 3 – May 8, 10:00 am:

May 3	4:30 pm	1st Communion rehearsal, 4:30 – 6:00 pm.. At 4:30pm children start in church and parents go to HI ; <u>at 5:15pm parents join their children</u> in church
May 7	4:30 pm	Reader and Gift Bearers Rehearsal (church)
May 8	9:00 am	Children are to report to HI
	10:00 am	Ceremony starts

*As in the past, Confirmation dates are determined by the Bishop's Office.
Once the RE office and Monsignor Weiss are notified of the ceremony dates,
they will be announced to the 8th grade catechists and families.
Thank you for your patience and understanding.*

Confirmation

TBD	6:45 pm	Confirmation <i>Rehearsal</i> from 6:45-8:15pm in HI and Church; (Friday Ceremony)
TBD	6:45 pm	Confirmation <i>Rehearsal</i> from 6:45-8:15pm in HI and Church. (Saturday AM Ceremony)
TBD	6:45 pm	Confirmation <i>Rehearsal</i> from 6:45-8:15pm in HI and Church. (Saturday PM Ceremony) <i>Reader and gift bearer rehearsal after general rehearsal, 8:15-8:45 pm.</i>
TBD		Confirmation Ceremony: Friday at 6:30pm:
TBD		Confirmation Ceremony: Saturday at 9:00am
TBD		Confirmation Ceremony; Saturday at 1:00pm.