



ST. ROSE OF LIMA

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

2025-2026 Calendar

(HI = Holy Innocents building)

Informational/St. Rose events – Does not impact RE schedule
(Homeschool meetings in Blue)

Revised September 22, 2025

(Revisions noted in Red)

Registration Information

Date	Time	Event
Oct 1		Registration reopens for new registrations and session changes

September 2025

Date	Time	Event
Sept 14	1:00 pm	Catechist Kick-off – General Meeting in HI. – For All Catechists
Sept 16	7:00 pm	New Catechist Meeting – In HI
Sept 20-21	All Masses	Catechetical Sunday (<i>Catechists <u>and Parents</u> will be blessed <u>at the Mass they attend.</u></i>)
Sept 24	7:00 pm	Homeschool Parent Kick-off Meeting in HI. – For All Grades (Student workbooks will be distributed at this meeting.)
Sept 28	9:15 am	Sunday – Classes with students begin.
Sept 29	4:30 pm	Monday – Classes with students begin.
Sept 30	4:30 pm	Tuesday – Classes with students begin.

October

Date	Time	Event
Oct 1		REGISTRATION REOPENS FOR NEW REGISTRATIONS AND SESSION CHANGES
Oct 4	9:00 am	Blessing of the Animals – (see flyer)
Oct 8	7:00 pm	Parent Meeting (all grades) – In HI (Homeschool parents DO NOT attend.)
Oct 12	9:15 am	Beginning of Year Mass – During Class time. (Families/Homeschool students welcome) (in Gathering Hall – Mass counts for Sunday Obligation)
Oct 12	All day	Clergy Appreciation Day – Thank you to our Priests and Deacons.
Oct 13	Class time	All classes in session – Columbus Day is NOT a Newtown Public School holiday.
Oct 15	4:30 pm	Grades 1 – 7 Homeschool Student Check-in and Parent Meeting #1 in HI
Oct 16	4:00 pm	Children's Rosary – In church – Open to all children and families.
Oct 20-21	4:30 pm	Beginning of Year Masses – During Class time. (Families/Homeschool students welcome) (in church)
Oct 25	9:30 am	2nd Grade Instructional Workshop (What's in God's House) – Location: In church (This workshop is for students AND parent/guardian)

November

Date	Time	Event
Nov	Class time	Grades K – 3 "Drawing God Day" – Throughout the month.
Nov 1		All Saints Day (Not a Holy Day of Obligation since it falls on a weekend.)
Nov 1/2		Special Collection for Religious Education – All Masses
Nov 2		All Souls Day

Nov 2		Daylight Saving Time Ends (turn clocks back)
Nov 2	6:30 pm	Confirmation Mass with Fr Peter Cipriani – Students attend with Parents/Guardians (Counts for Sunday obligation)
Nov 4		No Classes: Election Day
Nov 8	9:00 am	Saints Workshop for Grade 6 (Confirmation Prep Workshop) – in HI (St. Rose School students <u>do not</u> attend this workshop)
Nov 15	TBD	Confirmation Retreat with Chris Padgett (details TBA) – In HI & Gathering Hall Mandatory for all students who are receiving Confirmation Spring 2025.
Nov 16	3:00 pm	Grade 5/6 & OCIA Instructional Mass – With Parent/Guardian in the church. (Fulfills Sunday Mass Obligation) Attendance is Required.
Nov 19	4:30 pm	Grades 1 – 7 Homeschool Student Check-in and Parent Meeting #2 in HI
Nov 20	4:00 pm	Children’s Rosary – In church – Open to all children and families.
Nov 22		Father Peter’s Birthday!
Nov 27		Thanksgiving Day (offices closed 11/26 – 11/30)
Nov 30		No Sunday classes – Thanksgiving weekend

December 2025

Date	Time	Event
Dec 7	1:00 pm	Rehearsal for Live Nativity in HI
Dec 8	4:30 pm	All Grades – Mass for Feast of Immaculate Conception of Mary (Holy Day) This Mass will fulfill Holy Day Obligation. In church (but dismissal will be at the classrooms as usual.)
Dec 13	11:00 am	Costume handout for Christmas Eve Nativity – In HI (Students must attend to participate)
Dec 13	5:00 pm	Live Nativity after 4:00 pm Mass at Stable. (No snow date)
Dec 14	After Mass	Breakfast with Santa – In Gathering Hall – Sponsored by Knights of Columbus
Dec 14	9:15 am	Advent Reconciliation for Grades 3 – 7 (including Homeschool students) (Details to be announced – Catechists will hold class until called.)
Dec 15-16	4:30 pm	Advent Reconciliation for Grades 3 – 7 , (Including Homeschool students) Please follow Confessions schedule for drop-off locations.
Dec 17	4:30 pm	Grades 1 - 7 Homeschool Student Check-in and Parent Meeting #3 in HI
Dec 18	4:00 pm	Children’s Rosary – In church – Open to all children and families.
Dec 20	11:00 am	Rehearsal for Christmas Eve Children’s Nativity - in HI
Dec 21-23		No classes – Christmas break
Dec 24	4:00 pm	Children’s Nativity during Christmas Eve Mass (at Newtown H.S.)
Dec 28-30		No classes – New Year’s break

January 2026

Date	Time	Event
Jan 1		Feast of Solemnity of Mary (Holy Day of obligation)
Jan 4-6		Classes Resume
Jan 10		2nd Grade Reconciliation Preparation Workshop for students and parent/guardian – in Holy Innocents.
	9:00 am	Session 1 Catechists/classes to be assigned (St. Rose School attend this session)
	11:00 am	Session 2 Catechists/classes to be assigned

Jan 11	1:00 pm	Mid-year meeting with Catechists. In HI. Lunch will be served at the begin of mtg
Jan 14	TBA	Chris Stefanick – REBOOT: A Life-Changing Event (in church) (See flyer)
Jan 15	4:00 pm	Children's Rosary – In church – Open to all children and families.
Jan 15	4:30 pm	2nd Grade Reconciliation Preparation Workshop for students and parent/guardian – in Holy Innocents.
Jan 18-19		No classes – Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. observance
Jan 20		Tuesday classes in session
Jan 21	4:30 pm	Grades 1 - 7 Homeschool Student Check-in and Parent Meeting #4 in HI
Jan 31		2nd Grade First Reconciliation Services. (Snow date: Feb 7) Children <u>and parents</u> start in church. Reception to follow in HI.
	9:00 am	Session 1 Catechists/classes to be assigned (St. Rose School attend this session)
	12:30 pm	Session 2 Catechists/classes to be assigned
<u>February</u>		
Date	Time	Event
Feb 7		Snow date for First Reconciliation Services. (Same place and times).
Feb 7	6:00 pm	NEW DATE - Confirmation Candlelight Mass – Counts for Sunday obligation Students attend with Sponsors (if available) and Parent/Guardians.
TBD	Class time	Rosary Workshop for 3rd/4th Grade (in classrooms)
Feb 10	7:00 pm	Gr. 2 Bishop's Meeting with First Communion Parents/Guardians – Location: St. Mary's, Bethel. Seating and Parking is Limited – Arrive no later than 6:45 pm.
Feb 13-15		United Youth Group Winter Retreat – (see flyer for details.) In HI & Gathering Hall
Feb 15-17		No Classes – Winter break (follows Newtown Public School calendar)
Feb 18		Ash Wednesday – See bulletin for Mass schedule
Feb 18	4:30 pm	Grades 1 - 7 Homeschool Student Check-in and Parent Meeting #5 in HI
Feb 19	4:00 pm	Children's Rosary – In church – Open to all children and families.
Feb 22	Class time	Lenten Masses – In HI (Families & Homeschool students welcome) (This Mass counts for Sunday Obligation)
Feb 23-24	Class time	Lenten Masses – In church (Families & Homeschool students welcome)
<u>March</u>		
Date	Time	Event
Mar 1-3	Class time	Gr. 6 Seder Meal & Presentation (Guest Speaker) during class time – in HI (A parent/guardian should attend with the student for this event.)
Mar 2	4:30 pm	Confirmation Rehearsal for Ceremony #1 – In church (Students and Sponsors MUST attend the rehearsal for matching ceremony)
Mar 4	4:30 pm	Confirmation Rehearsal for Ceremony #2 – In church (Students and Sponsors MUST attend the rehearsal for matching ceremony)
Mar 7	10:00 am	Confirmation Ceremony #1
Mar 7	12:00 pm	Confirmation Ceremony #2
Mar 8		Daylight Savings Time begins
Mar 8	9:15 am	Lenten Reconciliation for Grades 2 – 7 (including Homeschool students) (Details to be announced – Catechists will hold class until called.)
Mar 9-10	4:30 pm	Lenten Reconciliation for Grades 2 – 7 , (Including Homeschool students) Please follow Confessions schedule for drop-off locations.

Mar 15	3:00 pm	Grade 6 Confirmation Enrollment Mass – (Counts for Sunday obligation) Students should attend with Parent/Guardian SRS Students should attend this Mass.
Mar 18	4:30 pm	Grades 1 – 7 Homeschool Student Check-in and Parent Meeting #6 - in HI
Mar 19	4:00 pm	Children's Rosary – In church – Open to all children and families.
Mar 21		2nd Grade 1st Communion Preparation Workshop – in HI
	9:00 am	Session 1 Catechists/classes to be assigned (St. Rose School attend this session)
	11:00 am	Session 2 Catechists/classes to be assigned
Mar 26	4:30 pm	2nd Grade 1st Communion Prep Workshop for students & parent/guardian (in HI)
Mar 29		Palm Sunday

April

Date	Time	Event
Apr 3		Good Friday – Offices closed
Apr 3	12:00 pm	Stations of the Cross for Children
Apr 5		Easter Sunday – NO Sunday Classes
Apr 6-7		Classes in Session
Apr 12	11:30 am	Butterfly Banner Mass (First Communion students bring your banner with you to the Mass.)
Apr 12-14		NO Classes due to Spring Break for Newtown Public Schools
Apr 19-21		Final Week of Classes for all grades
Apr 22	4:30 pm	Grades 1 – 7 Homeschool Student Check-in and Parent Meeting #7 - in HI
Apr 23	4:00 pm	Children's Rosary – In church – Open to all children and families.
Apr 25	4:00 pm	NEW EVENT – End of Year Mass for Religious Education students & families AND volunteers, followed by BBQ on the field. (Details TBA)
Apr 26	1:00 pm	End of Year Catechist and Volunteer Gathering – In HI
Apr 29	4:30 pm	First Communion Rehearsal for Ceremony #1 – In church (Students and Parents/Guardians MUST attend the rehearsal for matching ceremony)
Apr 29	5:45 pm	First Communion Rehearsal for Ceremony #2 – In church (Students and Parents/Guardians MUST attend the rehearsal for matching ceremony)

May

Date	Time	Event
May 1	4:30 pm	Rehearsal for Readers/Gift Bearers (Ceremony #1 & 2) – in church Parent/guardian must stay with child
May 2	10:00 am	First Communion Ceremony #1 (Children will meet in HI <u>at 9:00 am</u> to prepare for ceremony/procession to church)
May 2	1:30 pm	First Communion Ceremony #2 (Children will meet in HI <u>at 12:30 pm</u> to prepare for ceremony/procession to church)
May 6	4:30 pm	First Communion Rehearsal for Ceremony #3 – In church (Students and Parents/Guardians MUST attend the rehearsal for matching ceremony)
May 8	4:30 pm	Rehearsal for Readers/Gift Bearers (Ceremony #3) – in church Parent/guardian must stay with child
May 9	10:00 am	First Communion Ceremony #3 (St. Rose School students attend this ceremony) (Children will meet in HI <u>at 9:00 am</u> to prepare for ceremony/procession to church)
May 10		Mother's Day
May 14		Ascension Thursday (Holy Day of Obligation)

May 24	Pentecost Sunday
May 25	Memorial Day (Observed – Offices Closed)

June/July 2026

TBD	Carnival 2026
July 4	Fourth of July
July 6-10	Vacation Bible School
TBD	Steubenville Trip with UNITED Youth Group

2026 First Communion Ceremonies

Ceremony 1 – May 2, 10:00 am

Apr 29	4:30 pm	1st Communion rehearsal, 4:30 – 5:30 pm.
May 1	4:30 pm	Reader and Gift Bearers Rehearsal (church)
May 2	9:00 am	Children should report to HI for preparation of ceremony/Procession
	10:00 am	Ceremony begins

Ceremony 2 – May 2, 1:30 pm

Apr 29	5:45 pm	1st Communion rehearsal, 5:45 – 6:45 pm.
May 1	4:30 pm	Reader and Gift Bearers Rehearsal (church)
May 2	12:30 pm	Children should report to HI for preparation of ceremony/Procession
	1:00 pm	Ceremony begins

Ceremony 3 – May 9, 10:00 am

May 6	4:30 pm	1st Communion rehearsal, 4:30 – 5:30 pm.
May 8	4:30 pm	Reader and Gift Bearers Rehearsal (church)
May 9	9:00 am	Children should report to HI for preparation of ceremony/Procession
	10:00 am	Ceremony begins

EVENTS STILL TO BE SCHEDULED

TBD	7:00 pm	Bishop Caggiano meets with Confirmation PARENTS (mandatory meeting) – Location: TBD
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TBD	Music rehearsals for First Communion with Miss Trish and Miss Helen – In the classrooms
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