



ST. ROSE OF LIMA
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

2026-2027 Calendar

(HI = Holy Innocents building)

Informational/St. Rose events – Does not impact RE schedule

(Homeschool meetings in Blue)

Still to be determined

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(Revisions noted in Red)

Registration Information

Date	Time	Event
TBD		REGISTRATION OPENING WILL BE COMMUNICATED TO ALL ONCE IT IS CONFIRMED.

September 2026

Date	Time	Event
Sept 13	1:00 pm	Catechist Kick-off – General Meeting in HI. – For All Catechists
Sept 15	7:00 pm	New Catechist Meeting – In HI
Sept 19-20	All Masses	Catechetical Sunday (<i>Catechists and Parents will be blessed at the Mass they attend.</i>)
Sept 23	7:00 pm	Homeschool Parent Kick-off Meeting in HI. – For All Grades (Student workbooks will be distributed at this meeting.)
Sept 27	9:15 am	Sunday – Classes with students begin.
Sept 28	4:30 pm	Monday – Classes with students begin.
Sept 29	4:30 pm	Tuesday – Classes with students begin.

October

Date	Time	Event
TBD		REGISTRATION REOPENS FOR NEW REGISTRATIONS AND SESSION CHANGES
Oct 3	9:00 am	Blessing of the Animals – (see flyer)
Oct 7	7:00 pm	Parent Meeting (all grades) – In HI (Homeschool parents DO NOT attend.)
TBD	9:15 am	Beginning of Year Mass – During Class time. (Families/Homeschool students welcome) (in Holy Innocents – Mass counts for Sunday Obligation)
Oct 11	All day	Clergy Appreciation Day – Thank you to our Priests and Deacons.
Oct 12	Class time	All classes in session – Columbus Day is NOT a Newtown Public School holiday.
Oct 21	4:30 pm	Grades 1 – 7 Homeschool Student Check-in and Parent Meeting #1 in HI
TBD	4:30 pm	Beginning of Year Masses – During Class time. (Families/Homeschool students welcome) (in church)
Oct 24	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		Daylight Saving Time Ends (turn clocks back)
Nov 2		All Souls Day
Nov 3		No Classes: Election Day

Nov 7/8		Special Collection for Religious Education – All Masses
Nov 7	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 14	TBD	Confirmation Retreat (details TBA) – In HI & Gathering Hall Mandatory for all students who are receiving Confirmation Spring 2027.
Nov 18	4:30 pm	Grades 1 – 7 Homeschool Student Check-in and Parent Meeting #2 in HI.
Nov 22		Father Peter’s Birthday!
Nov 26		Thanksgiving Day (offices closed 11/25 – 11/29)
Nov 29		No Sunday classes – Thanksgiving weekend

December 2026

Date	Time	Event
Dec 6	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 12	5:00 pm	Live Nativity after 4:00 pm Mass at Stable. (No snow date)
TBD	After Mass	Breakfast with Santa – In Gathering Hall – Sponsored by Knights of Columbus
TBD	9:15 am	Advent Reconciliation for Grades 3 – 7 (including Homeschool students) (Details to be announced – Catechists will hold class until called.)
Dec 14-15?	4:30 pm	Advent Reconciliation for Grades 3 – 7 , (Including Homeschool students) Please follow Confessions schedule for drop-off locations.
Dec 16	4:30 pm	Grades 1 - 7 Homeschool Student Check-in and Parent Meeting #3 in HI
Dec 19	11:00 am	Costume handout and Rehearsal for Christmas Eve Nativity – In HI (Students must attend to participate)
Dec 24	4:00 pm	Children’s Nativity during Christmas Eve Mass (at Newtown H.S.)
Dec 27-29		No classes – Christmas/New Year’s break

January 2027

Date	Time	Event
Jan 1		Feast of Solemnity of Mary (Holy Day of obligation)
Jan 3-5		Classes Resume
Jan 9		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 10	1:00 pm	Mid-year meeting with Catechists. In HI. Lunch will be served at the begin of mtg
Jan 14	4:30 pm	2nd Grade Reconciliation Preparation Workshop for students and parent/guardian – in Holy Innocents.
Jan 17-18		No classes – Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. observance
Jan 19		Tuesday classes in session
Jan 20	4:30 pm	Grades 1 - 7 Homeschool Student Check-in and Parent Meeting #4 in HI

April

Date	Time	Event
April 3	TBD	Women's Annual Retreat – Holy Innocents (See flyer for details)
Apr 4	11:30 am	Butterfly Banner Mass (First Communion students bring your banner with you to the Mass.)
Apr 11-13		NO Classes due to Spring Break for Newtown Public Schools
Apr 21	4:30 pm	Grades 1 – 7 Homeschool Student Check-in and Parent Meeting #7 - in HI
Apr 25-27		Final Week of Classes for all grades

May

Date	Time	Event
May 6		Ascension Thursday (Holy Day of Obligation)
May 8	TBD	First Communion Day (details tba)
May 9		Mother's Day
May 15	TBD	First Communion Day (details tba)
May 16		Pentecost Sunday
May 31		Memorial Day (Observed – Offices Closed)

June/July 2027

TBD		Carnival 2027
July 4	Sunday	Fourth of July
TBD		Vacation Bible School
TBD		Steubenville Trip with UNITED Youth Group

2027 First Communion Ceremonies

Ceremony 1 –

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

Ceremony 2 –

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

Ceremony 3 –

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

EVENTS STILL TO BE SCHEDULED

TBD	3:00 pm	Grade 5/6 & OCIA Instructional Mass – With Parent/Guardian in the church. (Fulfills Sunday Mass Obligation) Attendance is Required.
TBD		Music rehearsals for First Communion with Miss Trish and Miss Helen – In the classrooms
TBD	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.)
TBD	3:00 pm	Grade 6 Confirmation Enrollment Mass – (Counts for Sunday obligation) Students should attend with Parent/Guardian SRS Students should attend this Mass.
TBD	4:00 pm	End of Year Mass for Religious Education students & families AND volunteers, followed by Picnic on the field. (Details TBA)
TBD	1:00 pm	End of Year Catechist and Volunteer Gathering – In HI
TBD	4:30 pm	First Communion Rehearsal for Ceremony #1 – In church (Students and Parents/Guardians MUST attend the rehearsal for matching ceremony)
TBD	5:45 pm	First Communion Rehearsal for Ceremony #2 – In church (Students and Parents/Guardians MUST attend the rehearsal for matching ceremony)
May	4:30 pm	Rehearsal for Readers/Gift Bearers (Ceremony #1 & 2) – in church Parent/guardian must stay with child
May	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	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	4:30 pm	First Communion Rehearsal for Ceremony #3 – In church (Students and Parents/Guardians MUST attend the rehearsal for matching ceremony)
May	4:30 pm	Rehearsal for Readers/Gift Bearers (Ceremony #3) – in church Parent/guardian must stay with child
May	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)