

2016 – 2017 Religious Education Calendar

St. Anna Church – (978) 537-5293

Grade 2 / Sacramental Preparation

Sundays 8:40 – 9:40 AM

SEPTEMBER						
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Sep 18 Class
 Sep 25 Class
 10:00 Family Mass for ALL Grades

Oct 02 Class
 Oct 09 **NO CLASS (Columbus Day)**
 Oct 16 Class
 Oct 23 Class
 Oct 30 Class
 Nov 06 **NO CLASS(Grade 2 Only)**
 Feb 26 Class
 Nov 13 Class
 Nov 20 Class
 Nov 27 **No CLASS (Thanksgiving Break)**
 Dec 04 Class
 Dec 11 Class

Dec 25 **NO CLASS**
 Jan 01 **NO CLASS**
 Jan 10 Class
 Jan 15 **NO CLASS**
 Jan 22 Class
 Jan 29 Class
 Feb 05 Class
 Feb 12 Class
 Feb 19 **NO CLASS**

Mar 05 Class
 Mar 12 Class
 Mar 19 Class
 Mar 26 Class
 Apr 02 Class

SPECIAL EVENTS AND DATES		
Grade 2		
Sept 25	Family Mass for ALL Grades	10:00 Mass
	Meet & Greet Our Teachers	11:00
	Parent Meeting (Reconciliation Prep)	9:00
Nov 05	First Reconciliation Parent/Child Retreat	10:00
Nov 06	First Reconciliation Celebration	12:30
	No Morning Class	
Dec 24	Christmas Family Mass / Christmas Pageant	4:00 Mass
Apr 22	First Communion Parent/Child Retreat	10:00
Apr 28	First Communion Rehearsal	6:00
Apr 29	First Communion Celebration	10:00 Mass
May 07	Crowning of Mary	10:00 Mass

JANUARY						
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First Reconciliation / First Communion Program

In First Holy Communion, children prepare to meet the Lord Jesus in the greatest gift that Jesus gave to us – the gift of Himself. As Catholics, we believe that the Eucharist is "the source and summit of the Christian life" (Lumen Gentium, 11). The Eucharist is a gift that takes a whole lifetime to open; it is a gift that requires a response from us. That is why it is so special and why we must take such care that our children are well-prepared.

At your child's Baptism, you, the parent, were told that you "would be the first and best teacher of your child in the way of faith". Parental involvement in the preparation of your child for First Holy Communion is paramount. The role of our parish is to "assist" you in this responsibility but this does not replace your part in the process of leading your child in the development of their faith, through the development and example of your own life. The best preparation for the Eucharist is taking your child to Mass regularly and helping your child understand what it is all about.

First Holy Communion is most often celebrated by children around the age of seven or eight, when they have reached the age of reason and are capable of participating in the sacramental life of the Catholic Church. First Holy Communion is to be preceded by the sacraments of baptism and reconciliation. "Children must go to the sacrament of Penance before receiving Holy Communion for the first time" (Catechism of the Catholic Church 1457).

Sacramental preparation for First Reconciliation and First Communion is administered through the Parish Office of Religious Education. The schedule below lists the days and times when **ALL** students preparing for these sacraments will meet for class time, parent/child retreats and rehearsals.

Sacramental Preparation Schedule

FIRST RECONCILIATION



Sept 25	First Reconciliation/ First Eucharist Parent Meeting	9:00 am
Oct 02	First Reconciliation Prep(School and Parish	9:00 am
Oct 16	First Reconciliation Prep (School and Parish)	8:40 - 9:40
Oct 23	First Reconciliation Prep (School and Parish)	8:40 - 9:40
Oct 30	First Reconciliation Prep (School and Parish)	8:40 - 9:40
Nov05	First Reconciliation Parent/Child Retreat	10:00-12:00
Nov 06	First Reconciliation Celebration	12:30pm
Nov 13	First Reconciliation Prep (School and Parish)	8:40 - 9:40

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION



Mar 5	First Communion Prep (School and Parish)	8:40 - 9:40
Mar 12	First Communion Prep (School and Parish)	8:40 - 9:40
Mar 19	First Communion Prep (School and Parish)	8:40 - 9:40
Mar 26	First Communion Prep (School and Parish)	8:40 - 9:40
April 02	First Communion Prep (School and Parish)	8:40 - 9:40
April 09	First Communion Prep (School and Parish)	8:40 - 9:40
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