

St. Thomas More Church – Religious Education Information for 2018-19

Day and time of classes for 2018-19 - TUESDAYS:

grades 1,2,3,4 - 4:30 to 6:00 pm grades 5, 6, 7, 8 - 6:30 to 8:00 pm

[September 18, opening session](#) – and September 25

October 2, 9, 16, 23, 30;

November 13, 20 27;

December 4, 11, 18;

January 8, 15, 22, 29;

February 5, 12, 19, 26;

March 5, 19, 26;

April 2, 9, 16, 30;

May 7, closing session – May Crowning and ice cream party.

General (all) Parents' Meetings - attendance expected:

Sunday, October 7, after the 10:00 am Mass, in the Chapel

Home Study Parents – Meeting – attendance expected:

Sunday, September 30 – After the 10:00 am Mass (Room to be announced)

INTERGENERATIONAL ACTIVITIES - FAMILY ATTENDANCE EXPECTED:

More information will follow as we get closer to the date of each event.

- 1) Sunday September 16 - "**Catechetical Sunday** – Commissioning of Catechists and Volunteers at 11:00 am Mass followed by Parish Picnic on our grounds". All grades together
- 2) Tuesday, October 9 - "**October - the month of the Rosary**" – procession at the shrine of Mary and Rosary at both sessions - grades 1-4 and 5-8
- 3) Thursday, November 1 - "**Solemnity of All the Saints**" – Vigil Mass attendance and procession of the children in the costume of their chosen saint for all grades 1-8
- 4) Tuesday, December 18 - "**Christmas Program**": The Nativity Story grades 1-4; the Jesse Tree Story 5-8
- 5) Wednesday, March 6 - "**Ash Wednesday**" – Para-liturgical service at 4:30 for all grades 1-8 and their families geared to families and children.
- 6) Thursday, March 28 – "**Sandwich Making**" for RE Families. All children 6:30-7:30 in the parish hall – sharing our food with the poor. Sandwiches will be brought to the Cathedral Soup Kitchen
- 7) Friday, April 5 - "**Stations of the Cross for Families**" For all children grades 1-8: 7:00 pm in the Church
- 8) Tuesday, May 7, "**May Crowning**"
At each session – grades 1-4 at 4:30pm, and grades 5-8 at 6:30 pm
Parents, siblings and extended families invited for the Rosary and Mary Crowning the last half hour of class

FIRST PENANCE AND EUCHARIST INFORMATION FOR 2018-19

First Penance dates, beside classes - More details to follow

Parents' Meeting - Sundays: October 14, January 20, March 24 –
After 10:00 am Mass in the parish hall

First Penance Retreat: Saturday, January 26, 10:00 to 11:30 am - In the Chapel

SACRAMENT OF FIRST PENANCE: Saturday, March 9, 2019, 10:00 am in the Chapel
Parents welcome to stay with the option of going to Confession

First Eucharist dates, beside classes – more details to follow

First Eucharist Parents' Meeting – March 24, after the 10:00 am Mass

First Eucharist Retreat: Saturday, April 6, 2019, 10:00 to 11:30 am.

First Eucharist Rehearsal - Thursday, May 2 - 4:30 to 5:30 in the Church

FIRST EUCHARIST - Sunday, May 5, 11:00 am Mass
Followed by Parish May Crowning –
First Eucharist Children will process to Mary's Shrine
With the parishoners present at the Mass

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION CLASSES FOR GRADES 7-8 **INFORMATION FOR 2018-19**

Always on Sundays, same time and place.

October 14, November 18, December 2, January 20, February 24, March 24

Confirmation I – Seventh grade Parents’ Meetings and activities **With More info to follow in due time.**

Parents and Children Meetings: Sunday November 4, 2018 and Sunday, February 10, 2019 – after the 10:00 am Mass, in the parish hall.

Youth Group Activity – Christmas Party for the Children at the Cathedral in Camden

Seventh grade Pilgrimage to our Cathedral in Camden – Saturday, March 23, 2019

Confirmation II– Eighth Grade Parents’ Meetings and activities **With More info to follow in due time.**

Parents and Children Meetings: Sunday, October 28, 2018, and January 27, 2019 after the 10:00 am Mass in the parish hall

Confirmation Retreat #1 – November 17, 2018 – at Infant Jesus Parish Woodbury Heights, NJ – a whole day event with more details to follow

Youth Group Activity – Sunday, December 16, Christmas Party for the Children at the Cathedral in Camden

Pilgrimage to the Shrine of St. John Neumann and Katharine Drexel in Philadelphia.

Once we know the date of Confirmation there will be other activities posted, such as:
Retreat #2 – here at St. Thomas More Church
General meeting with parents and sponsors
Interviews and Rehearsal