

2024-2025



## Sacred Heart Faith Formation

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### Dear Parents & Guardians,

Welcome to our program of Faith Formation for grades 1 through 8. Our program will educate your children in the Catholic Faith, teach them about God and the life of Jesus, our Savior, introduce them to the Bible, and prepare them for the Sacraments. Each grade teaches your child a different part of our faith, and children are EXPECTED to complete grades 1 through 8 in a certified religious education program in order to receive all their sacraments. We cannot do this alone. We need YOU, the family to support our efforts on behalf of your child. This support can be given in many ways:

- The most basic way to support your child in this program is for you and your children to **attend MASS together each week and on all holy days of obligation.**
- Ask your children about their lessons and their assignments. Discuss with them.
- Make sure they complete a lesson in My Catholic Faith Delivered (MCFD) each week with no score lower than a 65% in order to pass if they are registered in this catechetical course.

### ABSENCE POLICY:

All MCFD lessons must be completed on a weekly basis with a 65% or better.

**For the sacrament years,** attendance at all proximate preparation events and retreats is required in addition to the completion of any project work. Only once absence is allowed.

We expect your children to behave in an age appropriate manner in accordance with the teachings of Jesus and the Catholic Church. Remember, YOU are your child's primary teacher. Use this program to share your own Faith with your children.

Yours in Christ,

Faith Formation Office  
Theresa Stalzer

# September 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4 <i>1st Day of school for Academy</i>	5 <i>First day of school for NYC DOE</i>	6	7
8	9	10 <i>Catechist meeting in Cronin Mtg Room at 7 PM</i>	11	12 <i>Evening Parent/Teacher Conferences – Elementary school—NYC DOE</i>	13	14
15 <i>Catechetical Sunday—Theme: “Lord when did we see you hungry?” Matthew 25:37</i>	16	17 <i>Faith Formation Opening Mass @ 7 PM—Grades 1-8—students accompanied by parents.</i>	18	19 <i>Evening Parent/Teacher Conferences – Middle school—NYC DOE</i>	20	21
22	23 <i>Faith Formation MCFD logins start to be released.</i>	24 <i>Family Life presentation Grades 5 - 8 only</i>	25	26 <i>Evening Parent/Teacher Conferences – Middle school—NYC DOE</i>	27	28
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# October 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Grade/Level 2 Communion Zoom Parent Meeting— dates & overview @ 7 PM	2	3 NYC DOE schools closed—Rosh Ha- sanah	4 Feast of St. Francis of Assisi Academy & NYC DOE closed	5
6 Faith Formation & Academy Mass @11:30am Grades 1-8 followed by Child Lures mandatory meeting in CHURCH (parents/children)	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14 Columbus Day Academy/NYC DOE schools closed	15 Grade/Level 2 Parent Meeting in Church—Prox Prep #1 project: Baptism distributed at 7 PM	16 Gr/Level 8 Virtual Proximate Prep “Theology of the Body” @ 7 PM	17	18	19
20 Gr/Level 1 Mass at 9:30 AM followed by meeting in Church basement for students/ parents.	21	22 Gr/Level 7 Zoom Parent Meeting (grade requirements) at 7 PM	23 Living Rosary—all Grades/levels— Rosary to be led by Gr/Level 2 in Church at 7 PM	24	25	26
27 Gr/Level 7 Investi- ture Mass at 9:30 AM bring form to Church – meeting follows in Church basement (REQUIRED)	28	29	30	31		

# November 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					<i>1 All Saints' Day NYC DOE schools closed—Diwali</i>	<i>2 All Souls' Day</i>
<i>3 Gr/Level 2 Mass at 9:30 AM—followed by Communion /Reconciliation mini retreat in church base- ment (required)- T. Bellizzi</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>5 Election Day Academy &amp; NYC DOE closed</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>7 Catechetical Sum- mit with Bishop Bren- nan tbc Parent/Teacher confer- ences for NYC DOE after- noon/evening</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>9</i>
<i>10</i>	<i>11 Veterans Day Academy/NYC DOE schools closed</i>	<i>12 Faith Encounter in Church—grades 1- 8 Topic: The Mass @ 7PM with Fr. McBri- en</i>	<i>13</i>	<i>14 Parent/Teacher con- ferences for NYC DOE afternoon/evening</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>16 Recognition Mass with Bishop Brennan tbc</i>
<i>17 Gr/Level 8 Class Mass at 9:30 AM - followed by "Full of Grace" in Church base- ment (required) - T. Bellizzi</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>19 Catechist led Zoom meeting Topic: Saints Grades 1-4: 7 pm Grades 5-8: 8 pm</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>21 Parent/Teacher confer- ences for NYC DOE after- noon/evening</i>	<i>22 Parent/Teacher confer- ences for NYC DOE after- noon/evening</i>	<i>23</i>
<i>24 Advent Wreath making Gr/Levels 1-7 following 9:30 AM mass—RSVP please! - church basement</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>26</i>	<i>27</i>	<i>28 Thanksgiving Day</i>	<i>29 Thanksgiving Re- cess</i>	<i>30</i>

# December 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 <i>Gr/Level 8 class Mass @9:30 am—meeting follows in church basement—PACKETS due! 1st Sunday of Advent</i>	2	3 <i>Advent Mission</i>	4 <i>Advent Mission</i>	5 <i>Advent Mission</i>	6 <i>St Nicholas Day</i>	7 <i>Advent Confessions Faith Formation Grades 3,4,5,6 at 1 pm</i>
8 <i>Gr/Level 5 class mass with meeting to follow in church basement</i>	9	10 <i>Catechist led Zoom meeting Advent/Christmas Grades 1-4: 7 pm Grades 5-8: 8 pm</i>	11 <i>Gr/Level 8 Proximate Prep — Vocations in church at 7 pm Fr Chris &amp; Little Sisters of the Poor (tbc)</i>	12	13 <i>“Yellow” forms due for Grade 8—last day to submit! Time to order gowns</i>	14 <i>Advent Confessions Faith Formation Grades 7, 8 at 1 pm</i>
15 <i>Last day to submit Gr 8 packet! Faith Formation—all grades at 9:30 am Mass</i>	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23 —————	24 <i>CHRISTMAS BREAK</i>	25 <i>Christmas Day</i> —————	26	27	28
29	30 —————	31				

# January 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 NYC DOE School resumes	3	4
5 Grades 3 & 4 class mass at 9:30 am—meeting in church basement follows	6 Academy resumes	7 Gr/Level 8 Virtual Proximate Prep @ 7 PM—Topic: Scripture	8	9	10	11
12 Grade 6 class mass at 9:30 am—meeting follows in church basement for children & parents	13	14 Faith Encounter in Church—grades 1-8 Topic: The Church furnishings @ 7PM with Fr. McBrien	15	16	17	18
19	20 Martin Luther King Jr Day Academy closed NYC DOE closed	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29 NYC DOE school closed—Lunar New Year	30	31	
		CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK				

# February 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4 <i>Parent/SPONSOR Grade/Level 8 Zoom to discuss Confirmation Day at 7 PM</i>	5	6	7 <i>Academy closed—PD Day</i>	8 <i>Confirmation retreat—9 am to Noon—Gr/Level 8.with parents/sponsors invited (Check in Church basement) - NYC Catholic Retreats</i>
9 <i>Gr/Level 7 &amp; 8 class mass at 9:30 am followed by Hospitality in Church basement</i>	10	11 <i>Our Lady of Lourdes presentation at 7 PM in Church—Faith Formation Grades 3-8</i>	12	13 <i>Catechist led Zoom—Topic: Lent/Easter Gr 1-4: 7 pm Gr 5-8: 8 pm</i>	14 <i>Valentine's Day</i>	15
16	17 <i>Presidents' Day</i>	18 <i>Mid-winter Recess Academy &amp; NYC DOE schools</i>	19	20	21	22
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# March 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 Gr/Level 2 Class Mass at 9:30 am Prox Prep #2 LAMB distributed—mtg follows	3 Completion DATE for MCFD Grade 8!	4	5 ASH Wednesday	6 Parent/Teacher conferences for NYC DOE afternoon/evening	7	8 Retreat Gr 2 at 9 am—Noon (Church basement) in person with Parent <b>LENT Confessions</b> Grades 3,4,5,6) at 1 pm
9	10	11	12	13 Parent/Teacher conferences for NYC DOE afternoon/evening	14 Children's Stations of the Cross? 7PM	15 <b>LENT Confessions</b> Grades 7 & 8 at 1 pm
16	17	18 Gr/Level 2 Zoom Call to discuss 1st Reconciliation sacrament	19 Church rehearsal for Sacrament of Confirmation @ 6 pm & 7:30 pm – Fr.McBrien/music - tbc	20 Parent/Teacher conferences for NYC DOE afternoon/evening	21 Parent/Teacher conferences for NYC DOE afternoon/evening	22 Sacrament 1st Reconciliation 11 am Prox Prep Eucharist distributed—Bring LAMB to church!!
23	24	25 Gr/Level 8 Parents/Candidates to discuss Confirmation Day @ 7 pm (tentative)	26	27	28	29 Confirmation sacrament—11 am & 2:30 pm—tentative
30	31 NYC DOE schools closed					



# April 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3 <i>Confirmation sacrament—4 pm &amp; 7:30 pm—tentative—</i>	4	5 <i>Confirmation sacrament—11 am &amp; 2:30 pm—tentative—1st choice</i>
6 <i>Confirmation sacrament—2 pm &amp; 5:30pm—tentative</i>	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16 <i>Academy recess begins at Noon</i>	17 <i>Maundy Thursday</i>	18 <i>Good Friday</i>	19 <i>Holy Saturday</i>
		<i>Spring Recess—</i>	<hr/>			
20 <i>Easter Sunday</i>	21 <i>Easter Monday</i>	22	23	24	25	26
		<i>EASTER Recess</i>	<hr/>			
27	28	29 <i>Gr/Level 2 Zoom to discuss Sacrament - First Eucharist</i>	30			

# May 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				<i>1 Parent/Teacher conferences for NYC DOE afternoon/evening</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3 May Crowning</i>
<i>4</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>7 Communion Practice in Church for May 10th families—at 6 pm for 11am Mass and at 7:15 pm for 2 pm Mass (tentative)</i>	<i>8 Parent/Teacher conferences for NYC DOE afternoon/evening</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>10 Sacrament—Communion (Faith Formation 11 am &amp; 2 pm)</i>
<i>11</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>13</i>	<i>14 Communion Practice in Church for May 17th families—at 7 pm for 11am Mass</i>	<i>15 Parent/Teacher conferences for NYC DOE afternoon/evening MCFD courses finish Grades 1 - 7!</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>17 Sacrament—Communion (Academy—11 am)</i>
<i>18</i>	<i>19</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>21</i>	<i>22</i>	<i>23</i>	<i>24</i>
<i>25</i>	<i>26 Memorial Day</i>	<i>27</i>	<i>28</i>	<i>29</i>	<i>30</i>	<i>31</i>

# June 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5 <i>NYC DOE schools closed</i>	6 <i>NYC DOE schools closed</i>	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19 <i>Juneteenth Schools closed</i>	20	21
22	23	24	25 <i>Last day Academy TBC</i>	26 <i>Last day NYC DOE schools</i>	27	28
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# July 2025 —Time to Register/ Re-register

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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# Basic Catholic Prayers

## The Hail Mary

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.



Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

## The Our Father

Our Father, Who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy Will be done, on earth as it is in Heaven.

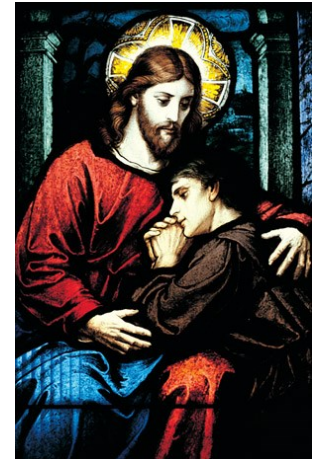


Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.

## Act of Contrition

My God, I am sorry for my sins with all my heart. In choosing to do wrong and failing to do good, I have sinned against you whom I should love above all things.

I firmly intend, with your help, to do penance, to sin no more, and to avoid whatever leads me to sin. Our Savior Jesus Christ suffered and died for us. In his name, my God, have mercy. Amen



## The Glory Be

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen



# Basic Catholic Prayers

## The APOSTLES CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried;

He descended into hell; on the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.



## The Hail Holy Queen

Hail, Holy Queen, Mother of Mercy, our life, our sweetness and our hope! To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve. To thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley of tears.

Turn, then, O most gracious Advocate, thine eyes of mercy toward us, and after this, our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.



*Lead:* Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.

*Response:* That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

AMEN