

THE BASILICA OF SAINT MARY

BASILICA OF SAINT MARY - FAITH FORMATION AND SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION CALENDAR - 2025-26

| SEPTEMBER 2025 | | | | | | |
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Season: Ordinary Time

- 7 Blessing of Catechists at 9:30am Mass
Young Family Hospitality
- 14 First Day of CM Classes
- 21 First day of YM Classes
1st Reconciliation Parent Meeting via Zoom
- 28 CM/YM Classes
First Reconciliation Mtg (Chapel)

* Confirmation Class Sep 21

| FEBRUARY 2026 | | | | | | |
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Season: Ordinary Time/Lent

- 1 CM/YM Classes
 - 8 CM/YM Classes
 - 15 Personal Safety Lessons-B
Please try to attend A or B
Young Family Hospitality
Afternoon YM Soup Prep
 - (18 Ash Wednesday)
 - 22 No CM/YM Classes
Family Lenten Activity TBD
Children-Centered Liturgy Noon
- * Confirmation Class Feb 1 & 8

| OCTOBER 2025 | | | | | | |
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Season: Ordinary Time

- 5 CM/YM Classes; PreK-5th Sing
Blessing of the Animals 2:00pm
- 12 CM/YM Classes
- 19 No Classes- MEA Break
Young Family Hospitality
- 26 CM/YM Classes

* Confirmation Class Oct 5 & 26

| MARCH 2026 | | | | | | |
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Season: Lent

- 1 CM/YM Classes
1st Eucharist Mtg (Chapel)
- 8 CM/YM Classes
- 15 CM/YM Classes
- 22 CM/YM Classes
- 29 No CM/YM Classes, Pre-K- 5th
Sing at Noon Mass Palm Sunday
Family Brunch in ToCH

* Confirmation Class Mar 1 & 15

| NOVEMBER 2025 | | | | | | |
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Season: Ordinary Time

- 2 CM/YM Classes
First Reconciliation Mtg (Chapel)
- 9 Classes; Sing at Noon Mass
Family Brunch 11am ToCH
- 16 CM/YM Classes
- 23 CM/YM Classes
- 30 No CM/YM Classes
Attend Mass for the
First Sunday of Advent
Family Event: Advent Wreaths

* Confirmation Class Nov 9 & 16

| APRIL 2026 | | | | | | |
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Season: Easter

- 5 No CM/YM Classes
Attend Easter Mass
- 12 CM/YM Classes
Young Family Hospitality
- 19 CM/YM Classes
1st Eucharist Mtg (Chapel)
- 26 Last Day of all Classes

* Confirmation Class Apr 12 & 26

| DECEMBER 2025 | | | | | | |
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Season: Advent/Christmas

- 7 CM/YM Classes
Young Family Hospitality
- 14 CM/YM Classes
- 16 **First Reconciliation 5:30pm**
- 21 No CM/YM Classes
Children's Music Extravaganza
- 24 Christmas Eve
Children-Centered Liturgy 2pm
- 28 No CM/YM Classes- Break

* Confirmation Class Dec 7 & 14

| MAY 2026 | | | | | | |
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Season: Easter/Ordinary Time

- 3 Attend Noon Mass- **First Eucharist**
Children-Centered Liturgy
Year-End Celebration after Mass
- 10 Mary Crowning at 10:45am
- 17 Youth Confirmation 9:30am Mass
- 24 Pentecost

* Confirmation Student Interviews

| JANUARY 2026 | | | | | | |
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Season: Christmas/Ordinary Time

- 4 Personal Safety Lessons-A
Please try to attend A or B
Young Family Hospitality
- 11 CM/YM Classes
- 18 No CM/YM Classes
Attend Mass
Family Brunch 11am ToCH
- 25 CM/YM Classes
1st Eucharist Parent Meeting via Zoom

* Confirmation Class Jan 11 & 25

General Information

Abbreviations:
CM = Children's Ministry (Pre-K- 5th Grade)
YM = Youth Ministry (6th and 7th Grade)
Confirmation class dates noted separately
Basilica YES for confirmed 9th-12th high schoolers
Young Family Hospitality in Teresa of Calcutta Hall after 9:30am Mass, for families with children earlier than preschool age.

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Program Policies

Music Highlights and New Activities

- Prek-5th grade students receive weekly music catechesis for 15-25 minutes.
- Students are also involved with liturgies in church. There are five opportunities to sing, including four Child-centered Liturgies: Blessing of the Animals, Christmas Eve at 2pm Mass, First Sunday in Lent, and First Communion, plus the Christmas Music Extravaganza.
- There are also three new Family Brunches, in November, January, and March.
- Visit the Parent Gathering Space in the school for fellowship and resources from the end of 9:30am Mass until the class time ends at 11am.

Attendance

- We ask that there be no more than two (2) absences per year.

Child Drop-Off / Pick-Up

- Children will be released only at the classroom door and only to a parent, other authorized adult, or if they are old enough to drive themselves at the end of class.
- Pick-up permission is specified by parents at the time of registration, and is kept on file.
- Due to Archdiocesan guidelines and for the protection of children and catechists, there is never a time when a single child and a single adult are alone.

Communication with Families

- Basilica staff communicate regularly with families registered for programs via email.
- Messages will be sent to the parents' email addresses listed on the registration form or the email address on file in the parish database.
- Please opt-in to Basilica emails. If you have opted out of emails from The Basilica, you will not receive important Faith Formation communications.

Inclement Weather

- In case of class cancellation, notice will be sent via email. Please opt-in to Basilica emails.
- The Basilica's website, social media accounts, and phone messages will be updated with any relevant cancellation announcements.
- In any case, we encourage families to use their best judgment when choosing whether or not to travel to classes in inclement weather.

Behavior

- If a child demonstrates unacceptable behavior, you will be asked to pick up them up immediately.
- Situations considered unacceptable include the use of drugs, tobacco, alcohol, or other illegal substances, the possession of any device that could cause harm to people or property, the demonstration of abusive, violent, interruptive, inappropriate, or disrespectful behavior, or any other behavior deemed unacceptable by program coordinators.
- The Basilica of Saint Mary reserves the right to suspend and/or expel any child in violation of this behavior policy.

Children's Personal Safety Lessons – Archdiocesan Requirement

The Archdiocese requires all parishes and Catholic Schools to provide the following:

- Age-appropriate approved Personal Safety Lesson (PSL) instructions annually in grades K-12.
- K-12 students will have PSLs on January 4 or February 15. Please try to attend one of sessions as your schedule allows, so we meet the Archdiocesan requirement of 90% compliance.
- Attending both sessions is not required; make-up lessons will be scheduled in March for students who miss these scheduled sessions.

Personal Safety Lessons (PSL) teach children and young people about personal safety. These lessons are taught within the framework of healthy relationships, healthy communities, and the Church's belief in the dignity of the human person made in God's own image. Questions? Visit www.archspm.org/office-of-ministerial-standards-and-safe-environment or contact Melissa Streit, Safe Environment Coordinator, at mstreit@mary.org or 612.317.3417.