

Second Grade Parent's Timeline 2017-2018



Summer:

Reinforce knowledge of "Basic Prayers".

- All second grade students need to be up-to-date on all the basic prayers learned in Grade 1: the Sign of the Cross, the Hail Mary, the Our Father, the Glory Be to the Father & Grace Before Meals Prayers, before entering Second Grade in September.

September:

Classes begin.



- Classes begin sharply at 4:30 p.m. and end at 5:45 p.m. Parents are asked to wait in the Parish Hall until the 2nd graders are dismissed and then you may proceed to your child's classroom for pick-up.
- Please review with your child the lesson that he/she learned during their class and check their folders to see if there is any information for you.
Begin discussing the Sacrament of Penance and visit the confessional in the chapel when you come to Mass on Sunday.

This is very important for your child.

First Communion Information Form (form attached) and Baptismal Certificate due by September 9/11 & 9/13.

- Please contact us if you have any questions or concerns regarding the forms.

October:

Begin practicing the Prayer of Sorrow and the Formula for Penance.



- All prayers are located in your parent packets and on our website.

First Penance & Communion Parent Meeting on: Thursday, October 26, 2017 @ 7:00 p.m.

- This meeting will begin in the Church with general information concerning both Sacraments. All Sacramental information will be handed out at this meeting.

November:

Christmas projects begin 11/27 & 11/29.



- Children are asked to donate a specific food item and are asked to do extra chores to raise money to buy gifts for a boy and a girl their age. (The class parent/teacher will purchase the Christmas gifts that will then be distributed to needy parishes in the area.)
- Christmas projects due 12/18 & 12/20.
- Please continue reviewing the procedures for confession and the formula for penance.
- All students must have the Prayer of Sorrow memorized before Thanksgiving.

December:

First Penance, Thursday, December 7 @ 7:00 p.m.

- Please have your child arrive by 6:45 p.m. to the church. Your child will be sitting with your family in a designated area with the teacher and the class.
- Light refreshments will be served after.
- Please contact the Religious Education Office if there is a problem with the date that is assigned to your child's class.





January:

Children begin practicing for First Communion.

- Students will be learning about the sacrament of Eucharist and also start preparing for the ceremony of First Communion.
- Please begin practicing with them at home and continue bringing them to church so they will become familiar with the Mass. (Sit in the front pews so they can watch more closely.)
- Continue helping your child learn his/her prayers.

February:

Lenten/Easter projects begin 2/12 & 2/14.



- Children are asked to do extra chores to earn monies for the Missions. They will also be asked to bring in an Easter basket item for our friends at the Mother of Mercy Parish in Asbury Park.
- Weekly Mass attendance is imperative at this point in your child's faith formation.

March:

First Communion Retreat March 4.



- Drop off all scrapbooks and snacks before the 12:30 p.m. Mass.
- Please attend the 12:30 p.m. Mass with your family.
- All 2nd gr. students and **one parent/guardian** will report to their classrooms right after Mass.
- This is a special afternoon for all 2nd graders filled with a variety of events that allow the children to focus on the sacrament. The children will also get a chance to taste the unblessed host.
- Lenten folders and Easter collections due the week of March 19 & 21.
- **Last Classes March 19 & 21.**

April/May:

- At this point, your child should be comfortable at Mass.
- Please bring your child to confession at least once before First Communion.

Practice for First Communion 4:30 – 5:45 p.m.

- April 30 (For the 9:00 a.m. First Holy Communion Mass)
- May 2 (For the 11:30 a.m. First Holy Communion Mass)
- All students and at least one parent must be in their classrooms by 4:20 p.m.
- Dismissal will be approximately 5:45 p.m.

First Holy Communion Day.

- May 5 (9:00 & 11:30 Mass)

May Crowning.

- There will be a May crowning for Mary on Sunday, May 6 at 9:30 a.m. Mass.
All 2nd grade students are invited to wear their Communion outfits and be a part of the procession honoring Mary.



*****Please note that our yearly calendar is posted on our website and is available. We encourage you to download it so you will know the important dates. Please continue checking the website to keep up-to-date as changes due occur.***

