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Church of the Immaculate Heart of Mary
Faith Formation Programs Calendar 2016 – 2017
(As of 8.23.16)

Color Key:

- Religious Education Program - shown in black
- Family-Based Program – shown in purple
- Sacrament Preparation Programs – shown in red
- Catechists/ Adult Faith Formation Events – shown in blue
- Service Events – shown in green

Please note:

- **All Sunday morning children’s classes (PreK – 7th) are conducted from 8:45 – 10:15am in the Nazareth Center unless otherwise noted.**
- **8th grade Religious Education is conducted during Summer Discipleship Academy or Family-Based Program.**
- **8th grade Y1 Confirmation Sacrament Preparation will take place on Monday evenings once per month from October – April; Particular “rites” will take place at specific 12noon Parish Masses as noted.**
- **First Reconciliation and First Communion Parent/Child Sacrament Prep will take place on Sunday mornings as indicated, with the exception of the parent/child retreat programs.**

Should any of these dates need to change, you will be notified as soon as possible.

September

- 13 – (Tues.) **Sunday Morning Catechists may begin picking up orientation materials @ Nazareth Center.**
- 13 – (Tues.) Large Group 8th grade Parent/Child Family Discernment Interview for all remaining families; 7pm in Nazareth Center Large Meeting Room
- 18 – (Sun.) Catechetical Sunday @ 10:30 Mass; Luncheon & Adult Faith Formation Speaker to follow; all Parish Adults invited; please rsvp by 9.14.16
- 25 – (Sun.) First Day of PreK – 7th grade Religious Education Classes; 8:45 – 10:15; Nazareth Center Gym
- 25 – (Sun.) Family-Based Program Orientation; 9:15am in Nazareth Center large meeting room

October

- 16 – (Sun.) **First Grade** Parents Sacrament Meeting; 9:15am in the Nazareth Center Large Meeting Room
- 16 – (Sun.) 8th Grade Rite of Promise @ 12noon Mass, followed by lunch in Nazareth Center
- 17 – (Mon.) 8th Grade Y1 Confirmation Prep; 7 – 8:30pm in Nazareth Center Gym and classrooms
- 22 – (Sat.) 9th Grade Y2 Confirmation Prep; 5 – 8pm in church basement; Covenant Ceremony will take place at the 5:30pm Mass; dinner and special program to follow for candidates and parents.

November

- 6 – (Sun.) First Reconciliation Parent/Child Preparation; 9 – 10am in Nazareth Center
- 7 – (Mon.) 8th Grade Y1 Confirmation Prep; 7 – 8:30pm in Nazareth Center Gym and classrooms
- 13 – (Sun.) NO Religious Education CLASSES (NJ Teachers Convention Weekend)
- 18 – (Fri.) First Reconciliation Parent/Child Retreat with “The Potter;” 7 – 9pm in Nazareth Center Gym
- 20 – (Sun.) First Reconciliation Parent/Child Preparation; 9– 10am in Nazareth Center
- 27 – (Sun.) NO Religious Education CLASSES (Thanksgiving Weekend)

December

- 3 – (Sat.) Sacrament of Reconciliation; 10:30am in church, followed by simple reception in basement
- 3 – (Sat.) 9th grade Y2 Confirmation Prep – Advent Gathering; 5 - 8pm; Church Basement
- 5 – (Mon.) 8th Grade Y1 Confirmation Prep; 7 – 8:30pm in Nazareth Center Gym and classrooms
- 11 – (Sun.) 8th grade Y1 Confirmation Prep – Rite of Sponsors @ 12noon Mass
- 18 – (Sun.) Last Day of class before Christmas
- 25 – NO Religious Education CLASSES (Merry Christmas!)

January

- 1 – (Sun.) NO Religious Education CLASSES (Happy New Year!)
- 7 – (Sat.) 9th grade Y2 Confirmation Prep – Christmas Gathering; 5 - 8pm; Nazareth Center
- 9 – (Mon.) 8th Grade Y1 Confirmation Prep; 7 – 8:30pm in Nazareth Center & classrooms
- 15 – (Sun.) NO Religious Education CLASSES
- 16 – Martin Luther King Day of Service; IHM hosting – Families are encouraged to participate

February

- 1 – Registration Opens for Summer Academy 2017
- 6 - (Mon.) 8th Grade Y1 Confirmation Prep; 7 – 8:30pm in Nazareth Center & classrooms
- 8 – (Wed.) Family-Based Program Mid-Year Point; Families progress report due
- 12 – (Sun.) 8th grade Y1 Confirmation Prep – Rite of Names @ 12noon Mass
- 19 – NO Religious Education CLASSES (Presidents Weekend)

March

- 1 – ASH WEDNESDAY – 4pm Children’s Mass w/distribution of ashes
- 4 – (Sat.) 9th grade Y2 Confirmation Prep – Lent Gathering; 5 – 8pm; church basement
- 6 – (Mon.) 8th Grade Y1 Confirmation Prep; 7 – 8:30pm in Nazareth Center & classrooms
- 12 – (Sun.) Last day of Sunday Religious Education for 2nd graders; remaining dates are Sacrament Prep
- 19 – (Sun.) First Communion Parent/Child Preparation; 9 – 10am in Nazareth Center
- 26 – (Sun.) First Communion Parent/Child Preparation; 9 - 10am in Nazareth Center
- 27 – (Mon.) 8th Grade Y1 Confirmation Prep; 7 – 8:30pm in Nazareth Center & classrooms

April

- 1 – (Sat.) HAN 9th grade Confirmation Retreat; 10 – 4pm; Waiting for HAN to confirm! Church Base
- 2 – (Sun.) First Communion Parent/Child Preparation; 9 - 10am in Nazareth Center
- 2 – (Sun.) 8th grade Y1 Confirmation Prep – Rite of Service @ 12noon Mass
- 9 – NO Religious Ed Classes (Spring Break)
- 16 – NO Religious Ed Classes (Easter Sunday)
- 22 – (Sat.) JESUS DAY Parent/Child Retreat for First Communion; 9 – 12noon; Nazareth Center Gym, Mtg

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- 22 – (Sat.) 9th grade Y2 Confirmation Prep – Easter Gathering; 5 – 8pm; Church Basement
- 23 – (Sun.) Family-Based Program EOY Parents’ Meeting 9:15 – 10am; Nazareth Center large mtg. room
- 27 – (Thurs.) First Communion Practice; 7pm for Sat., 10:30am Mass
- 28 – (Fri.) Confirmation Practice(s), 7pm for Sun., 2pm Mass; 8pm practice for Sun. 4:30pm Mass
- 29 – (Sat.) FIRST COMMUNION @ 10:30am
- 30 – (Sun.) Last Day of Sunday CLASSES
- 30 – (Sun.) CONFIRMATION @ 2pm Mass
- 30 – (Sun.) CONFIRMATION @ 4:30pm Mass

May

- 5 – (Fri.) First Communion Practice(s); 7pm for Sat. 10:30am Mass; 8pm practice for Sun. 10:30am Mass
- 6 – (Sat.) FIRST COMMUNION @ 10:30am
- 7 – (Sat.) FIRST COMMUNION @ 10:30am Parish Mass

June

- 1 – Registration Opens for September 2017 Sunday Morning Classes & Family-Based Program
- 14 – (Wed.) Catechists’ & Helpers Orientation for Summer Academy #1; 7pm Nazareth Center.
- 26th – July 7th – Summer Academy #1 (no class on July 3rd and July 4th)

August

- 16 – (Wed.) Catechists’ & Helpers Orientation for Summer Academy #2
- 21 – 31st – Summer Academy #2 (no class on Fri., Sept. 1)