

SUNDAY SESSIONS

All sessions Sunday 8:45 – 9:45 a.m. unless otherwise noted.

Food collected each month will be donated to

St. Paul's Food Bank, Allentown PA and Betty Lou's Food Bank (Southern Lehigh Ministerium) Coopersburg, PA.

September

+Food Bank Collection: macaroni and cheese, peanut butter

- Wed. 13 - "Open House" - welcome and orientation for new PREP families, 4:30 – 5:30 p.m. (for both Sunday and Wednesday groups (Returning families also welcome!))
- 17 – Opening Prayer Service and Session; Parent Meeting; all meet in church
- Catechetical Sunday** – pray for our PREP catechists and aides!
- 24 – Regular session (*Deacon Don visits Faith Explorers 2*)

October: +Dime Collection for **Missionary Childhood Association** (the Catholic Church's "child to child" mission society) and **Sassy Massey Smiles Foundation** (in memory of our parish's "little saint," Jillian Massey)

+Food Bank Collection: toilet paper and bar soap

- 1 – Regular session
- Tues. 3 – Eucharistic Adoration for PREP Families*, 6 – 6:45 p.m. in church
- 8 – NO PREP (Columbus Day Weekend)
- 15 – Regular session)
- 22 – Regular session **Dime Lines Day for Sassy Massey Miles of Smiles and MCA!**
- 29 – Regular session

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November

+Food Bank Collection: canned vegetables and stuffing mix

- Wed.. 1 - Attend Holy Day Mass* either Tuesday, Oct. 31 or Nov. 1*
- 5 – Regular session
- 12 – Regular session: **Child Protection Catechesis Session** for all levels
- 19 – Regular session)
- 26 – NO PREP (Thanksgiving Weekend)

December

+Food Bank Collection: coffee, tea, and hot chocolate mix

- 3 – Regular session
(Discipleship 3 **only** no morning PREP (Confirmation retreat in the afternoon))
- Fri. - 8 – Immaculate Conception (holy day of obligation in the United States); attend Mass on Dec. 7 or 8*
- 10 – Regular session
- 17 – Regular session
- 24 & 31 – NO PREP (Christmas Season Holidays)

January

+Food Bank Collection: soup (canned or package) and crackers

- 7 – Regular session
- 14 – Regular session
- 21 – Regular session
- 28 – Regular session

ABVM Celebrations of Sacraments for Children and Youth, 2024

First Reconciliation: TBD
Confirmation: TBD
First Eucharist: TBD

February

+Food Bank Collection: pasta and sauce

- 4 – Regular session
- 11 – Regular session
- 18 – NO PREP (Presidents' Day Weekend)
- Fri. 23 – PREP Family Night at Parish Stations of the Cross, 7pm (*counts as a regular session*)
- 25 – Regular session

Lent/Easter Season

2024 Dates:

Feb. 14: Ash Wednesday
March 24: Palm Sunday
March 28: Holy Thursday
March 29: Good Friday

March: +Lenten **Quarters for Water** collection for **Missionary Childhood Association**

+Food Bank Collection: canned tuna

- 3 – Regular session
- 10 – Regular session
- 17 – Regular session
- 24 – NO PREP (Palm Sunday)
- 31 – NO PREP (Easter Sunday – ALLELUIA!)

March 31:
EASTER SUNDAY!

April

+Food Bank Collection: noodles and rice

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May 9: Ascension (holy day of obligation)

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