

Christian Formation Planning Calendar 2008 – 2009

Date/Season	Revised Common Lectionary * (RCL)	Wider Calendar	Parish Planning
2008			
Sept. 7 17 Pentecost	Proper 18A Exodus 12:1-14 or Ezekiel 33:7-11 Psalm 149 or Psalm 119:33-40 Romans 13:8-14 Matthew 18:15-20		
Sept. 14 18 Pentecost	Proper 19A Exodus 14:19-31 or Exodus 15:1b-11,20-21, or Genesis 50:15-21 Psalm 114 or Psalm 103:(1-7), 8-13 Romans 14:1-12 Matthew 18:21-35		
Sept. 21 19 Pentecost	Proper 20A Exodus 16:2-15 or Jonah 3:10-4:11 Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45 or Psalm 145:1-8 Philippians 1:21-30 Matthew 20:1-16		
Sept. 28 20 Pentecost	Proper 21A Exodus 17:1-7 or Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32 Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16 or Psalm 25: 1-8 Philippians 2:1-13 Matthew 21:23-32		
Oct. 5 21 Pentecost	Proper 22A Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20 or Isaiah 5:1-7 Psalm 19 or Psalm 80: 7-14 Philippians 3:4b-14 Matthew 21:33-46	Oct. 4 – St. Francis	
Oct. 12 22 Pentecost	Proper 23A Exodus 32:1-14 or Isaiah 25:1-9 Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23 or Psalm 23 Philippians 4:1-9 Matthew 22:1-14	Columbus Day weekend October: National Domestic Violence Awareness Month	
Oct. 19 23 Pentecost	Proper 24A Exodus 33:12-23 or Isaiah 45:1-7 Psalm 99 or Psalm 96:1-9, (10-13) 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10 Matthew 22:15-22	Children's Sabbath	
Oct. 26 24 Pentecost	Proper 25A Deuteronomy 34:1-12 or Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18 Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17 or Psalm 1 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8 Matthew 22:34-46		
Nov. 2 25 Pentecost All Saints	Proper 26A (BCP readings) Ecclesiasticus 44:1-10,13-14 Psalm 149 Revelation 7:2-4,9-17 Matthew 5:1-12	There are several choices of lectionary readings for this day	*Baptisms *Daylight Savings ends *Elections this week
Nov. 9 26 Pentecost	Proper 27A Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25 or Amos 5:18-24 Psalm 78:1-7 or Wisdom of Solomon 6:12- 20 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 Matthew 25:1-13		

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Nov. 16 27 Pentecost	Proper 28A Judges 4:1-7 or Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18 Psalm 123 or Psalm 90:1-8, (9-11), 12 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 Matthew 25:14-30		
Nov. 23 Last Pentecost	Proper 29A Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24 Psalm 100 or Psalm 95:1-7a Ephesians 1:15-23 Matthew 25:31-46		
Beginning of Year B, RCL			
Nov. 30 1 Advent	Isaiah 64:1-9 Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18 1 Corinthians 1:3-9 Mark 13:24-37	Thanksgiving Day weekend	
Dec. 7 2 Advent	Isaiah 40:1-11 Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13 2 Peter 3:8-15a Mark 1:1-8		
Dec. 14 3 Advent	Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11 Psalm 126 or Canticle 3 or Canticle 15 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24 John 1:6-8, 19-28		
Dec. 21 4 Advent	2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16 Canticle 3, or 15, or Psalm 89:1-4, 19-26 Romans 16: 25-27 Luke 1: 26-38		
Wednesday, Dec. 24, Christmas Eve			
Thursday, Dec. 25, Christmas Day			
Dec. 28 1 Christmas	Isaiah 61:10-62:3 Galatians 3:23-25;4:4-7 John 1:1-18 Psalm 147 or 147:13-21		
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Jan. 4 2 Christmas	Jeremiah 31:7-14 Psalm 147:12-20 Ephesians 1:3-14 John 1L(1-9), 10-18		
Jan. 11 (Epiphany)	(Epiphany readings) Isaiah 60:1-6 Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14 Ephesians 3:1-12 Matthew 2:1	Either Epiphany, or Baptism of the Lord	
Jan. 18 2 Epiphany	Genesis 1:1-5 Psalm 29 Acts 19:1-7 Mark 1:4-11	Martin Luther King, Jr. weekend	
Jan. 25 3 Epiphany	I Samuel 3:1-10 (11-20) Ps. 139:1-6, 13-18 I Corinthians 6:12-20 John 1:43-51		
Feb. 1 4 Epiphany	Deuteronomy 18:15-20 Psalm 111 I Corinthians 8:1-13 Mark 1:21-28	"Souper Bowl of Caring" collection Theological Education Sunday	

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Feb. 8	Isaiah 40:21-31 Psalm 147:1-11, 20c I Corinthians 9:16-23 Mark 1:29-39		
Feb. 15	II Kings 5:1-14 Psalm 30 I Corinthians 9:24-27 Mark 1:40-45	President's Day on Monday (beginning of school vacation week for some)	
Feb. 22	II Kings 2:1-12 Psalm 50:1-6 II Corinthians 4:3-6 Mark 9:2-9		
Feb. 24, Shrove Tuesday		Mardi Gras/pancakes	
Feb. 25, Ash Wednesday			
Mar. 1 1 Lent	Genesis 9:8-17 Psalm 25:1-10 1 Peter 3:18-22 Mark 1:9-15		
Mar. 8 2 Lent	Gen. 17:1-7, 15-16 Psalm 22:23-31 Romans 4:13-25 Mark 8:31-38 or Mark 9:2-9	Daylight Savings begins	
Mar. 15 3 Lent	Exodus 20:1-17 Psalm 19 I Cor. 1:18-25 John 2:13-22		
Mar. 22 4 Lent	Numbers 21:4-9 Ps. 107:1-3, 17-22 Ephesians 2:1-10 John 3:14-21		
Mar. 29 5 Lent	Jeremiah 31:31-34 Psalm 51:1-12 or Psalm 119:9-16 Hebrews 5:5-10 John 12:20-33		
Apr. 5 Palm Sunday	LITURGY OF THE PALMS Mark 11:1-11 or John 12:12-16 Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 LITURGY OF THE PASSION Isaiah 50:4-9a Psalm 31:9-16 Philippians 2:5-11 Mark 14:1-15:47 or Mk 15:1-39, (40-47)	Holy Week	
April 9	Maundy Thursday	Foot washing, stripping of the altar	
April 10	Good Friday	Stations of the Cross, Good Friday Service	
April 11	Easter Vigil		
Apr. 12 Easter Day	*Acts 10:34-43 or Isaiah 25:6-9 Ps. 118:1-2, 14-24 I Cor. 15:1-11 or Acts 10:34-43 John 20:1-18 or Mark 16:1-8		
Apr. 19 2 Easter	*Acts 4:32-35 Psalm 133 I John 1:1-2:2 John 20:19-31	Patriot's Day, beginning of school vacation week Apr. 22 – Earth Day	

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Apr. 26 3 Easter	*Acts 3:12-19 Psalm 4 I John 3:1-7 Luke 24:36b-48	Rogation Days Child Abuse Awareness Sunday	
May 3 4 Easter	*Acts 4:5-12 Psalm 23 I John 3:16-24 John 10:11-18	May: Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Month	
May 10 5 Easter	*Acts 8:26-40 Psalm 22:25-31 I John 4:7-21 John 15:1-8	Mother's Day	
May 17 6 Easter	*Acts 10:44-48 Psalm 98 I John 5:1-6 John 15:9-17		
May 24 7 Easter	*Acts 1:15-17, 21-26 Psalm 1 I John 5:9-13 John 17:6-19	Memorial Day weekend	
May 31 Pentecost	*Acts 2:1-21 or Ezekiel 37:1-14 Psalm 104:24-34, 35b Romans 8:22-27 or Acts 2:1-21 John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15	Baptisms "Birthday of the Church"	
June 7 Trinity Sunday	Isaiah 6:1-8 Psalm 29 Romans 8:12-17 John 3:1-17		
June 14 2 Pentecost	Proper 6 Samuel 15:34-16:13 or Ezekiel 17:22-24 Psalm 20 or Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15 II Cor 5:6-10; 14-17 or II Cor 5:6-17 Mark 4:26-34		
June 21 3 Pentecost	Proper 7 Sam 17(1a, 4-11,19-23), 32-49 or Job 38:1-11 Psalm 9:9-20 II Corinthians 6:1-13 Mark 4:35-41	Father's Day	
June 28 4 Pentecost	Proper 8 II Samuel 1:1, 17-27 or Wis. of Sol. 1:13-15, 2:23-24 Psalm 130 II Corinthians 8:7-15 Mark 5:21-43		

* *During Eastertide a reading from Acts is often substituted for the lesson from the Hebrew Bible.*

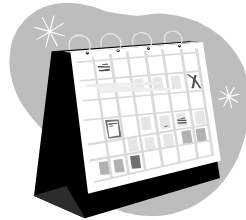
Other observances per General Convention resolutions:

2000-C025: Urge Education, Prayer, and Local Response to Issues of Sexual and Domestic Violence
Calls upon every congregation within the church to designate at least one Sunday each year during one of the following months for special prayers for all whose lives have been affected by any form of sexual, domestic, or family violence, remembering in particular those who have been violated by sexual misconduct within the church

- April (National Sexual Abuse Prevention and Sexual Assault Awareness Month)
- May (Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Month)
- October (National Domestic Violence Awareness Month)

2006-D008: Reaffirm Theological Education Sunday

Requests the Presiding Bishop continue to designate the first Sunday in February each year as Theological Education Sunday to share the work of theological education at seminaries as well as initiatives within congregations, diocese and other networks throughout the Church, recognizing the importance of lifelong learning and Christian formation in many venues of the Church's life.



To set up your parish's Christian Formation Calendar, plug in the dates for the events that happen every year in your parish and/or plan to try introducing some new traditions and celebrations during the church year. A church calendar with information for the entire formation year can be a great benefit to parents with busy schedules, to other groups in the parish who might also be planning events, and for generally communicating a sense of organization and energy in your parish around the program year.

Parish:

- ✓ Teacher Trainings & Meetings
- ✓ Church School Registration
- ✓ Intergenerational / Family events, such as Advent Wreath Making
- ✓ Christmas Pageant rehearsals, and the Pageant itself
- ✓ Special offerings to be collected, or outreach events involving all ages
- ✓ Bishop's visitation
- ✓ Epiphany – Three Kings Festival
- ✓ Annual Parish Meeting
- ✓ Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper or Mardi Gras Party
- ✓ Burying the Alleluia for Lent
- ✓ Holy Week activities: Stations of the Cross, Maundy Thursday service or Agape Supper, Tenebrae Service, Good Friday programs, Easter Vigil
- ✓ School vacations
- ✓ Confirmation classes, retreats & celebration
- ✓ Parish Picnic(s)
- ✓ Teacher Recognition
- ✓ Honoring Graduates

Events to Remember . . .

Dates for the Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts:

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Sept. 4-6	<i>Godly Play Training</i> , St. Stephen's, Cohasset
Sept. 13	<i>Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, Level I Training</i> , first training session of ten
Sept. 27	Resource Day for Congregational Development , The Conference Center at Bentley College, Waltham, MA
	<i>Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, Level II Training</i> , first training session of ten
Oct. 18	Deanery Confirmation, Trinity Church, Boston
Oct. 24-25	<i>Cityreach</i> , Cathedral Church of St. Paul, Boston
Nov. 7-8	Diocesan Convention – with children's program, Four Points Sheraton, Hyannis
Nov. 8	<i>Special Northeast Gathering of Godly Play</i> , All Saints, Belmont
Nov. 21-22	<i>Junior High Retreat</i> , Barbara C. Harris Camp & Conference Center, Greenfield, NH

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Jan. 23-24	<i>Cityreach</i> , Cathedral Church of St. Paul, Boston
Feb. 6-9	<i>Senior High Retreat</i> , Barbara C. Harris Camp & Conference Center, Greenfield, NH
Mar. 7	<i>Spring Diocesan Learning Event</i> , George Sherman Union, Boston Univ.
Mar. 20-21	<i>Pre-Confirmation Retreat</i> , Barbara C. Harris Camp & Conference Center, Greenfield, NH
Apr. 2-3	<i>Pre-Confirmation Retreat</i> , Barbara C. Harris Camp & Conference Center, Greenfield, NH
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