

St. William of York Catholic Church
Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) 2025-2026
Wednesdays 6:15 PM - 7:30 PM in the Parish Center
(other dates as noted below; ** not a Wednesday)

Date	Topic
June 4	Welcome Gathering – 5:30 pm Mass In Church followed by Pot Luck Dinner
June 8	Pentecost Sunday
June 11	The Big Picture: God's Plan in eternity (and our plan for the course)
June 18	Life in Christ: Holiness – Repentance and Discipleship – The Beatitudes
June 25	PRAYER PRIMER: The Mass
July 2	NO OCIA – July 4th Holiday
July 9	Life in Christ: The Human Person (body & soul, passions, virtue/vice)
July 16	Life in Christ: Capital Vices & Theological and Cardinal Virtues
July 23	Life in Christ: Law and Grace & Sermon on the Mount
July 30	Life in Christ: Love the Lord your God; Commandments 1-3
August 6	Life in Christ: Love your Neighbor; Commandments 4-10
August 13	PRAYER PRIMER: True Devotion to Mary & the Rosary
August 15	Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary – Holy Day of Obligation
August 20	PRAYER PRIMER: Sacred Scripture – Lectio Divina
August 27	NO OCIA – Labor Day Holiday
September 3	Life in Christ: Religious Perfection – Poverty, Chastity, Obedience
September 10	Life in Christ: Lay Sanctity – Gifts and Fruits of the Holy Spirit
September 17	Credo: God the Father – Paternal Love and Visible Creation
September 24	Credo: Invisible Creation – Human Soul & Angels
October 1	Rite of Acceptance for Catechumens – 5:30 pm Mass in the Church
October 8	Credo: The Fall – Original Sin
October 15	NO OCIA – Columbus Day Holiday
October 22	Credo: Jesus Christ – Beloved Son and Incarnate Savior
October 29	Credo: Holy Mary – Virgin and Mother
November 1	All Saints Day – Holy Day of Obligation
November 5	Credo: Paschal Mystery – Suffered, Crucified, Died and Buried
November 12	Credo: Paschal Mystery – Risen, Ascended, and Reigning
November 19	Credo: Holy Spirit – Giver of Life and Gift of God
November 26	NO OCIA – Thanksgiving Holiday
December 3	Credo: The Church – One, Holy, Catholic, Apostolic
December 8	Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary – Holy Day of Obligation
December 10	Credo: The Communion of Saints – Militant, Triumphant, Suffering
December 17	Credo: The Last Things – Death, Judgment, Heaven, Hell, Purgatory
December 24	NO OCIA – Christmas Holiday (Christmas Day is a Holy Day of Obligation)

December 31	NO OCIA – New Year Holiday
January 1	Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God – Holy Day of Obligation
January 7	Worship: Liturgical Year / Sacraments in General
January 14	Worship: Baptism
January 21	Worship: Confirmation
January 28	Worship: The Holy Eucharist / Transubstantiation
February 4	Worship: Holy Orders
February 11	Worship: Matrimony
February 18	NO OCIA – Ash Wednesday
February 22**	Sunday – Rite of Election (Cathedral of St. Thomas More)
February 25	Worship: Anointing of the Sick / Funerals
March 4	– First Penance for Candidates; 6:30 pm in the Church
March 7**	Saturday – First Scrutiny for Catechumens; 5:00 pm Mass in the Church
March 11	Worship: Penance
March 14**	Saturday – Second Scrutiny for Catechumens; 5:00 pm Mass in the Church
March 18	PRAYER PRIMER: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
March 21**	Saturday – Third Scrutiny of Catechumens; 5:00 pm Mass in the Church
March 25	– First Holy Communion for Candidates; 5:30 pm Mass in the Church PRAYER PRIMER: Preparing for Holy Week
March 29**	Sunday – Palm Sunday; beginning of Holy Week
April 1	NO OCIA – beginning of Triduum
April 2**	Holy Thursday – 7:30PM Mass of the Lord's Supper
April 3**	Good Friday – 3PM Celebration of the Lord's Passion
April 4**	Saturday – Easter Vigil – Rehearsal 1 pm in Church; Mass at 8:00 pm
April 5**	Easter Sunday
April 8	NO OCIA
April 15	Mystagogy: What Just Happened
April 22	Mystagogy: Mental Prayer and the Battle for Prayer
April 29	Mystagogy: Mission – Corporeal Works of Mercy
May 6	Mystagogy: Mission – Preaching / Teaching (Spiritual Works of Mercy)
May 13	Mystagogy: Sacramentals, Devotions, & Recap of Year
May 20	Mystagogy: Field Trip to St. Mary's of Piscataway
May 27	Potluck with Sponsors and New Catechumens

**ATTENDANCE AT CLASS FOR THOSE SEEKING SACREMENTS IS EXPECTED AND REQUIRED.
SERIOUS ABSENCES SHOULD BE CALLED IN TO THE RE OFFICE 540-659-5705 BEFOREHAND.
SNOW CANCELLATION: If Stafford Schools are cancelled, OCIA class will also be cancelled.**