



**SAINT JOSEPH PARISH**  
ORADELL/NEW MILFORD, NEW JERSEY

**BAPTISM PROGRAM**

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Dear Parents,

The celebration of infant baptism is a joyous occasion for that child's family and for the family of the Church. Baptism celebrates the fact that God loves us so much that God calls us to have a special, personal relationship with Him. A relationship so close that God claims us as His own and gives us the privilege of calling Him "Our Father!" Just as the birth of a child leads parents to reflect on the gift of human life, so the baptism of a child leads parents, and the whole parish, to reflect on this sacrament and what it means to be a part of God's Church.

**Preparation Class** takes place in the Upper Church on the Saturday listed on the schedule. The importance and meaning of the Sacrament of Baptism is explained. In addition, there is a rehearsal of what will take place during the Celebration of Baptism. Godparents are strongly encouraged to attend this session.

**Celebration of Baptism**

Baptisms take place at 1:30pm on the designated days on the attached schedule. The Sacrament of Baptism (the first of the Sacraments of Initiation) washed away all sins, original and personal, bestows new life (see Catechism of the Catholic Church #1279). Through the sacrament, the newly Baptized becomes a member of the Church and is configured to Christ; being sealed the indelible spiritual mark on their belongings to Christ (CC#1272).

*The requirements for being a godparent set by the Catholic Church are attached. Please review the requirements carefully as you consider a person to be the godparent for your child.*

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the parish secretary at 201-261-0148 or [office@sjcnj.org](mailto:office@sjcnj.org).

Sincerely yours in Christ,

*Rev. Christian G. Scalo*  
Pastor

*Rev. John Radwan*  
Parochial Vicar

*Deacon George Montalvo*  
Director of Religious Education

**PARISH REGISTRATION** You must be a registered parishioner of Saint Joseph Parish to have your child baptized at our parish, unless arrangements are made with the priest. According to Church Law, sacraments can only be celebrated with those who are members of the parish community. You will be asked to provide your Parish Registration Number, which is found on your weekly envelopes. If you are not a registered parishioner, your **first step** is to contact the parish office, **201-261-0148**, to register with the parish.

**Enclosed is the Baptism Schedule and Registration Form. Please complete the form and choose the dates for your class and baptism. Godparent Sponsor Certificate forms are due when you register for the Baptism Program.**