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MASS SCHEDULE

SUNDAY

7:30AM ~ 9:00AM ~ 10:30AM ~ 12:00PM ~ 7:00PM Anticipated Mass ~ Saturday 5:00PM

DAILY MASS

Weekday: Novena 7:10AM ~ Mass 7:30AM Saturday Novena 7:40AM ~ Mass 8:00AM

Evening Novena ~ Monday Evenings 6:45PM

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION Saturday at 11:00AM

Rectory Hours: Monday - Thursday: 8:00AM ~ 4:00PM Friday: 9:00AM ~ 4:00PM (closed daily 12:00-1:00PM)

A Community of Faith.

Come Experience Christ With Us

MARCH 6, 2016

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

FROM THE PASTOR

"THERE IS NO DOUBT ABOUT THE MIND OF CHRIST HERE AS THE GOSPELS REVEAL IT: WE MUST NOT THINK THE SERVICE OF GOD CAN BE SUBORDINATED TO WORLDLY PURPOSES. IF WE SEEK FIRST THE KINGDOM OF GOD AND GOD'S JUSTICE, THE NEW EARTH WILL BE ADDED TO US..."

(A Lent Sourcebook: The Forty Days, Book Two, p. 48).

We have reached the halfway journey of Lent. When Ed Koch was mayor of New York, he used to ask "how am I doing?" This is a good time to ask ourselves how we are doing in our Lenten practices, whatever they might be. Have we been faithful to the regimen we set for ourselves at the beginning of Lent, or have we fallen by the wayside? Of course, we can only answer for ourselves. We still have three more weeks of Lent to continue what we are doing or adjust our regimen to help improve our relationship with God, and ultimately with each other. It's never too late for improvements.

Today's Gospel is about the Prodigal Son. But it really is about the three characters in the story. One is the younger son, who squandered his inheritance, and finally came to his senses when he was hungry and in need. The other is the father, who couldn't wait to welcome the return of his son, even though he went through his money foolishly. The third is the older son, who was angry because his father threw a party for his foolish brother. With which one could you identify?

Maybe we have been like each of them in our lives. There are times when we may have acted foolishly, and finally came to our senses. Or we may be able to forgive others for their mistakes, and welcomed them back into our lives. Or we may have been like the older son, getting annoyed because others seem to find an easier path in life, or to God, than we may have. The truth is that Lent is about repentance and forgiveness, and no matter what we have done or have failed to do, the Father always welcomes us with open arms. Yes, the Father always forgives us, no matter what we have done. The problem is that we have difficulty forgiving ourselves or each other. We must always keep in mind that the Father loves us all for who we are and not for what we do or don't do. He gave us Jesus to show his love for us, and Jesus has shown us the way to the Father and to each other.

None of us deserves the Father's love and forgiveness, but they are freely given to us so that we may be able to live as a people transformed. Let us use these remaining weeks of Lent to recognize the presence of Christ within and among us, so that we can be converted to the Lord and all he calls us to be as his people.

Discovering Christ was an incredible experience for our parish. I was impressed by all of you who were a part of the program, but also about your fidelity to the sessions each week. Hopefully, that enthusiasm will continue when the next sessions begin at the end of March. Thank you to all who were involved in the planning and execution of the program, as well as to all who participated.

HAPPY LENT!!! FR. JOE

DURING LENT

MONDAY EVENING NOVENA
WILL BEGIN
AT 6:30PM IN THE CHURCH
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWED BY MASS

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURES

Your continued weekly generosity raised:

\$11,074.00 \$7,324.00 Collection \$1,150.00 Online Giving \$2,600.00 Lenten Almsgiving

Jesus says, it is far better to give than to receive
To sign up for Online Giving go to:
www.saintjamestheapostle.org
Online Giving:

WE NOW ACCEPT CREDIT CARDS



MASS WILL BE CELEBTRATED EACH EVENING DURING LENT

Mondays through Fridays at 7:00PM

LECTIO DIVINA

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

8:30AM Friday mornings with the St. James School Community and 7:30PM all are welcome!

PARISH LENTEN RECONCILIATION PRAYER SERVICE

Tuesday, March 15 \sim 7:45PM (immediately following 7:00PM Mass)

THE LITTLE BLACK BOOKS

The Weekday Gospel Lenten Prayer and Reflection Books have been donated in loving memory of

John D. Pflug, III and Garrett Gurrieri ~ By the Pflug Family

EVANGELIZATION CORNER

Mrs. Kim Mailley, Coordinator

DISCOVERING CHRIST

Our Discovering Christ journey has completed and we are so grateful for the gifts received by the Holy Spirit during this seven-week encounter with Christ! Over 100 participants gathered weekly for dinner and fellowship to share our stories and find the true meaning of life. For some it was a complete conversion, for others it was an encounter with our Lord they had truly been seeking and for others, it was allowing us to see the face of Christ in them so we too may follow. Whatever experience was had, each of us found a deepening of our faith and a greater love for Jesus Christ. Our next journey will begin in late March with our Following Christ sessions and we know it will be just as fruitful. All participants who have completed Discovering Christ are strongly encouraged to continue this journey with us.

It would not have been possible without the many volunteers who made this such a wonderful experience. Our most heartfelt THANK YOUS to the MORE THAN 25 volunteers who helped us set up the gym to become a welcoming environment every week, for the small group leaders and helpers who facilitated enriching conversations at each table, for all who donated desserts, linens, dishes, centerpieces and more, served, cooked, clean up and prayed (many of whom prayed from home daily) for the success of this journey. We especially thank the Springfield Elks who has a wonderful man willing to wash the dinner plates every week and saved us hours! And finally, for Fr. Joe who supported us from the day he moved to St. James, Fr. Silvano, for his expertise in getting the dishes, pots, etc. washed like a machine and for Fr. Everest, who not only helped in the kitchen washing and drying but who helped cover evening Masses on Wednesday nights and always made us laugh out loud...even when we didn't serve him RICE!

God bless you all and God bless our parish!



SHARING OUR FAITH



Get Involved and Get to Know Our Community

The SPOTLIGHT program, sponsored by the Catechetical Office of the Archdiocese of Newark, offers introductory courses in Catholic teachings and scripture for adults. If you haven't had a recent opportunity to update your knowledge of our faith, consider taking a SPOTLIGHT course. Several courses focus on the main teachings of the Church as found in the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*. There are also courses on the Old Testament and the New Testament. Each course is completed in a single one day session on a Saturday, 9:30 AM - 3:30 PM. SPOTLIGHT is open to the general public. However, catechists, teachers and leaders in parish religious education programs, Catholic elementary schools, RCIA and adult faith formation are encouraged to earn doctrinal certification through these courses.

Spotlight on the New Testament: The Word Enlightens our Faith, Fortifies our Hope, Inflames our Love, March 12, 2016 at St. Henry in Bayonne with Fr. John Gabriel. Fr. John Gabriel, Administrator of St. Rose of Lima in Short Hills and former pastor of St. James in Springfield.

Methodology Saint James Church - Hatcher Hall ~ Saturday, March 12, 9:00AM-3:00PM

In this full day workshop you will examine and discuss various theories of development by psychologists such as Piaget, Kohlberg, Erikson, Fowler and Westerhoff. You will also be exposed to the unique characteristics of the grade level child you catechize as well as appropriate activities to be used in your catechetical setting.

Participants will be granted a certificate for having completed the Morality & Spirituality Levels of Certifications at the end of the day.

Registration is \$40 per person per course, which includes lunch. If you are a Catechist contact Nancy Caputo for registration information.

SAVE THE DATE

St. James the Apostle School Annual Fundraiser IT'S THE BASKET BONANZA! APRIL 16, 2016

Basket donations are being accepted, please call the school office! 973-376-5194

You won't want to miss out on a fantastic evening of fun and fabulous prizes!

NATURE & HIKING CLUB

It's time to shake off winter and get a healthy start on spring! The St. James Nature and Hiking Club will hold its Holy Saturday Walk on March 26 at 2 pm at Nomehegan Park in Cranford. Come join us on this leisurely stroll through one of nature's real gems in nearby Cranford—we will gather in the parking lot on Springfield Avenue across from Union County College.

If you want to join us please call Bob or Joan Faszczewski up to 11 pm on Friday, March 25 at 973-218-0046 or email us at: writersgate48@verizon.net.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Sharing With One Another



EVENING MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER SHARING OF BREAD

On Holy Thursday all are invited to the rectory after Mass to share baked breads of different cultures. If you would like to bake some traditional Easter breads from your culture or family and donate it to share that evening, please drop off at the rectory prior to Mass. All are invited.

MASS BOOK 2017

The mass book for 2017 will open on April 1 in the rectory. Because of the increasing number of requests for Masses, in order to be equitable and fair to all, there will be only 2 Masses for each intention. One is for the birthday and the other is for the anniversary of the deceased, This allows all who request Masses to ensure that they are able to schedule the Masses they want for their loved ones, as much as possible. If you have any questions, please speak to Fr. Joe.

Thank you!



PARISH SENIORS NEWS

Mr. Joseph Messina, Vice President

We're an active group of seniors that meet the second Monday of each month at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 60 Howard St., Summit, N.J.

> Next Meeting: Monday, March 14th at 1:00 PM A complimentary luncheon will be served

Our guest speaker will be Mark S. Rodrick, VP, Financial Advisor from Morgan Stanley, Westfield.

For more information call Joe Messina 973- 379- 5483

FEED MY PEOPLE

Mrs. Lisa Gillo, Coordinator

Thank you to all who donated frozen meatloaf's and sandwiches this past weekend.

68 lbs. of meatloaf and 409 sandwiches were collected. Thanks to your generosity, many people will have a meal to eat!

THANK YOU 7-ELEVEN ON MORRIS AVENUE IN SPRINGFIELD!

The store managers held a donation drive last month and through their customers generosity raised enough money to purchase and donate 44 pizza pies to St. Joseph's Social Services!

Thank you 7-Eleven and your generous customers for your generosity!

No March collection due to Easter.

Please contact Lisa Gillo 908-232-5304 or lgillo97@gmail.com with any questions.

SCHOOL STUDENT SUNDAY

Please join us in welcoming students and their families in grades PreK4 and 1 of our parish school community as they join us for the 10:30 a.m. Mass on March13th.

PLEASE NOTE:

THERE WILL BE NO
7:00PM EVENING MASS
Palm Sunday, March 20, 2016
Or
Easter Sunday, March 27, 2016
And
NO RECONCILIATION ON
Saturday, March 26, 2016



THE PRAYER CORNER

"To everything there is a season and a time for every purpose..."



A TIME TO DIE

Geraldine Sanford, Timothy O'Donnell, Bridget O'Donnell

.....and for all who have gone before us

A TIME TO HEAL

For all who are sick and suffering......

Bea Giacobbe, Brian Mather, Rita Dilly, Ana Harper, Susan Sullivan, Eva Brownfield, Ginny Sampson, Angela Raimondo, Remo Ambrosi, Karen Genco, Richard McNelis, Charlotte McNelis, Kyle Noonan, Walter Mathias, Joseph Schubert, Cathy Tlesea, Jean Comerford, Ronald Alaniz, Honorise DeSisto, Sandra Turlowicz, John Rendiero, George Ondish, Frank Benson, Antoinette Pacifico, John Pangiochi, Evelyn Constant, Amelia Montana, Mary Grabowy, Miguel Antonio Garcia, Lisa Bellott, Jay Patten, John Natale, Robert Pruett

A TIME OF WAR & PEACE

We pray for all defending our freedom...

Luis Fonseca, Arthur Raymond, Frank Wulff,
Aric Patten, Jack Lober, Stacy Enyeart, A.J. Carlucci,
David Bugel, Aaron Pluto, Samuel Lillie, Shane Fenton
Tim Arentz, Stephen Patricco, Sean Curran,
Phillip Patten, Lt. Sean P. Eadie, Brian Braine

A TIME TO SEEK

For all seminarians on the road to the priesthood, especially:

Danny Pabon, Peter Carey, Joseph Furnaguera,
Andres Polanco, Sebastian Valencia, Diego Arce,
Dhanush Canisius, Harlan Acosta

DEVOTIONS AND MEMORIALS ~ Spiritual Offerings



To have a loved one remembered through the Sanctuary Lamp ~ Bread & Wine ~ Flowers By the Tabernacle Please call the Rectory Office ~ 973-376-3044



WEEKLY MEMORIALS

SANCTUARY LAMP

Robert Hannon ~ Rose Anne Citro

BREAD AND WINE

Robert Hannon ~ Rose Anne Citro



HOLY HOUR FOR LIFE

Come join us in pray before the Blessed Sacrament on the first Wednesday of the month from 7:30PM-8:30PM at Holy Spirit Church, 984 Suburban Avenue, Union

MARIAN DEVOTION

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with Miraculous Medal Novena, Rosary and Benediction takes place on Monday evenings (as scheduled) from 6:45-7:30pm in our Church, Saint James, please feel free to join us.

PARISH INFORMATION



MOUNT ST. MARY HOUSE OF PRAYER

1651 U.S. Highway 22, Watchung, NJ 07069-6587 (908) 753-2091 * msmhope@msmhope.org

Registration is required MERCY IS THE NAME OF OUR GOD: Celebrate the Mercy Jubilee

During this special Jubilee, Pope Francis urges us to focus our attention on God's loving kindness. Come and explore the biblical theme of Mercy and how it has the power to transform our lives.

Wed., Mar 9, 7-9 p.m. (\$20-\$30 As You Are Able) Presenter: Eileen P. Smith, RSM

THOMAS MERTON:

Pope Francis' Choice - Our Inspiration

When Pope Francis spoke to the US Congress in September 2015, he mentioned the name of a person to look to for inspiration – Thomas Merton. During this evening we will ponder the life of this great spiritual leader of the twentieth century and see why his actions, writings and poetry have had such a lasting effect upon generations of readers and followers.

Tues., Mar 15, 7-9 p.m. (\$20-\$30 As You Are Able) Presenter: Elizabeth O'Hara, RSM



SAVE THE DATE!



Join
The Saint James Seniors

SANDS CASINO BETHLEHEM, PA

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20, 2016

9:00AM Bus Departs From St. James Parking Lot

SANDS CASINO ~ Cost: \$30.00

GET BACK \$20.00 VOUCHER TO BE USED IN SLOT MACHINES PLUS \$5.00 FOOD VOUCHER

50/50 tickets \mathcal{C} donuts will be available before you get on the bus.

Questions Contact: Jim Geoghan 973-379-2714

Send check made payable to "Saint James Seniors" to:

Jim Geoghan 20 Laurel Drive Springfield, New Jersey 07081-2410 Visit our Lighthouse Catholic Media kiosk in the Gathering Area. We will be stocking new CD titles perfect for your Lenten experience!

We encourage you to also visit:

www.lighthousecatholicmedia.org and click on the store tab. You can view the hundreds of titles available for us to offer you or for you to order on your own. You can let us know what titles or categories you are most interested in listening to.



MEDITATIONS ON THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Dr. Ronald Thomas

The stations of the Cross is a devotion and reflection in which we walk alongside Jesus on His way to Calvary. By prayerfully participating in this meditation we are able to clearly see through His passion and death the depths of God's love for mankind and the price He paid for our salvation. This presentation includes powerful meditations by Dr. Ronald Thomas, Assistant Professor of Theology at Belmont Abbey College, with prayer responses by students from the college.



THE FOUR LAST THINGS: DEATH, JUDGMENT, HEAVEN, HELL

Fr. Mike Schmitz is one of the leading Catholic speakers in the Church today. Fr. Mike tackles four very difficult topics in this exceptional presentation: Death, Judgement, Heaven, and Hell. Listen to this talk and finally get the answers to the question: "What Happens When I Die?"

Following the main presentation, Lighthouse has provided a bonus from the talk *Purgatory: Holy Fire* by Dr. Scott Hahn. This bonus is part of the 6-CD set by Dr. Hahn titled **Answering Common Objections**.

We hope you enjoy and use this kiosk often!

COMMUNION AT MASS

If you cannot walk up the aisle to receive Holy Communion and do not want to sit in the first pew, let us know and an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion will come to you at the end of the procession and administer the Body & Blood to you.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Mrs. Nancy Caputo, Director

Today we welcome the families in our Home Study Program to their last retreat for the school year! Our morning begins by attending the 10:30AM mass and arriving in the school gym immediately after mass. Registration forms for the 2016-2017 school year are now being accepted. If your family registered as parishioners after September 2015 and you have children entering public school in September, please give us a call if you don't hear from us!

A few changes to next year; Sunday classes will be held from 10:00AM to 11:20AM giving families the option of attending the 7:30AM, 9:00AM, 12:00PM or Saturday 5:00PM Anticipation Mass. Tuesday classes will remain the same time, 3:45PM to 5:15PM and we will also offer 7th grade Home Study as this grade will remain in the classroom next year.

It takes a team of dedicated volunteers to teach our children, if you have the time and desire, I'd love to talk to you about joining this vital ministry!



RESPECT LIFE CORNER

Mrs. Pat Sullivan, Coordinator

As followers of Christ we are called to proclaim and celebrate the Gospel of life in every situation. Pope Francis has called for the worldwide abolition of the death penalty, saying the commandment "You shall not kill" absolute and valid for the guilty as well as the innocent.

Using some of his strongest ever words against capital punishment, he also called on Catholic politicians worldwide to make "a courageous and exemplary gesture" by seeking a moratorium on executions during the church's current holy year, which ends in November.

For more information on working to abolish the death penalty:

www.ncadp.org - National Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty

www.amnestyusa.org - Amnesty International www.sisterhelen.org—Sister Helen Prejean author of **Dead Man Walking**.

PARISH SCHOOL NEWS



Mrs. Caroline Ponterio, Principal

TIME TO CELEBRATE OUR 4TH AND 5TH GRADERS

The 2015-2016 Department of New Jersey American Legion sponsored a Coloring Contest inviting 4th and 5th graders in the state to compete. The drawing was of the Captain Emilio Carranza Memorial in the Captain Emilio Carranza Memorial Park in Tabernacle, NJ.

The memorial was dedicated to Captain Carranza, an aviator from the Air Corps of the Army of Mexico who perished in his non-stop flight from New York to Mexico City in the New Jersey pines near Chatsworth in July 1928. The memorial was erected by Post #11 in 1933 and is a symbol of friendly relationship between Mexico and the U.S.A.

The American Legion Continental Post #228 invited Springfield schools to participate and compete at the town, county and state level. For Springfield, three of our students placed in the top three and they are:

- 1st place Jamie Jules Grade 4
- 2nd place Jon-Paul Farris Grade 4
- 3rd place Michael Cangiano Grade 5

As the winner at the town level, Jamie's entry went on to the county level and won 2nd prize!

All of our students were recognized at the Springfield Township committee meeting on February 23rd and got to take their picture with Commander Gerry Gebauer and Mayor Jerry Fernandez.

Congratulations to all the students who participated: **Grade 5**: Adam Cordeiro, James Jules, Raina Mendoza, Katherine Pascuite, Angelina Robledo, Emer Vesey **Grade 4**: Jorge Cubero, Brooke Dubon, Ethan Pinho, Ethan Stewart, Tierney Vesey

DOOR COLLECTION – The Little Sisters of Poor from St. Joseph's Home for the Elderly in Totowa, NJ will be visiting our parish on **Saturday and Sunday, March 12 and 13, 2016.**

The Little Sisters of the Poor operate 188 homes throughout the world providing loving care to the elderly poor and have served the aged in New Jersey since 1879. Please be as generous as your means allow. Thank you for your support.

MASS INTENTIONS

Fourth Sunday of Lent Year C

Sunday, March 6, 2016

5:00PM (SATURDAY)

Frank DeMartino ~ Mirella & Family

7:30am

Luigi Del Mauro ~ Family

9:00AM

Antonio & Giovanna Circelli ~ Carmela Fusco

10:30AM

Norman Jackowski ~ Family

12:00PM

Bernie & Susie Lo Macchio ~ Daughter, Patty

7:00PM

Nick Donofrio ~ Mr. & Mrs. Fred Pinho

MONDAY, March 7 Sts. Perpetua and Felicity 7:30AM

Giuseppina Pacifico ~ Battaglia Family

7:00PM

Joyce Garry ~ Muriel & James Geoghan

TUESĎÁY, March 8 St. John of God 7:30AM

Bill Cortese ~ Family

7:00PM

Yolanda & Frank Palmieri ~ Family

WEDNESDAY, March 9 St. Dominic Savio 7:30AM

Michele Inzitari ~ Frank & Anina Sette

7:00PM

Steven Seamon ~ Phil & Karen

THURSDAY, March 10 St. John Ogilvie 7:30AM

For the People of Saint James

7:00PM

Grazia & Pietro Barberi ~ Son, Nunzio

FRIDAY, March 11

7:30AM

Gaita Family ~ Battaglia Family

7:00PM

Joanne Bollaro~ Mother & Family

SATURDAY, March 12 St. Maximilian 8:00AM

Denise Ginty ~ Dan & Anna Smith & Family

SUNDAY, March 13 St. Leander of Seville

5:00PM (SATURDAY)

Tom Vargo ~ Bernice & John Petersen

7:30AM

Rose Sibilia ~ Angela Ragonese

9:00AM

Joseph Fusco ~ Carmela Fusco

10:30AM

Norman Jackowski ~ Saint James Ushers

12:00PM

Violet Albanese ~ Pat Gasalberti

7:00PM

Nick Donofrio ~ Denise Terrizzo & Family

May They Rest In The Peace of Christ



CALENDAR NEWS

Mrs. Michelle Shlendorio, Coordinator

	Coordinator	
SUNDAY March 6		SUNDAY
Listening Post		ALL MASSES
Religious Education (k-6)-School		9:00AM
Religious Ed Home Study Retreat-Gym		10:30AM
RCIA I & II		10:30AM
Mom's Group-Rectory		4:00PM
Youth Group-Gym		5:30PM
Contemporary Ensemble Rehearsal-Church		6:00PM
MONDAY March 7		MONDAY
Lectio Divina-Rectory		6:30AM
Evening Lenten Mass-Church		7:00PM
Pastoral Cou	ıncil Meeting-R <i>ectory</i>	7:00PM
TUESDAY March 8		TUESDAY
Chorister/Cherub Rehearsal-Church		3:15PM
Religious Education (1-6)-School		3:45PM
Evening Lenten Mass-Church		7:00PM
WEDNESDAY March 9		WEDNESDAY
Evening Len	iten Mass-Church	7:00PM
"We Are Living Stone" Campaign Committee		7:00PM
THURSDAY March 10		THURSDAY
Track Meet	2	5:30PM
	Rehearsal-Church	7:00PM
	iten Mass-Church	7:00PM
FRIDAY March 11		FRIDAY
	ne Cross-Church	8:30AM
	iten Mass-Church	7:00PM
Stations of the Cross-Church		7:30PM
SATURDAY March 12		SATURDAY
Track Meet-Gym		8:15AM
Catechist Certification Methodology— School		9:30AM
SUNDAY March 13		SUNDAY
	lucation (k-6)-School	9:00AM
RCIA I & I		10:30AM
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BULLETIN INFORMATION

Contemporary Ensemble Rehearsal-*Church*

Dates for using the parish buildings must be cleared by *Michelle Shlendorio* before being submitted to the bulletin for submission.

email: msblendorio or call: 973-376-3044 Information for the Weekly Bulletin needs to be emailed by

NOON ON MONDAYS To:

bulletin@saintjamesparish.org <u>and</u> ncaputo@saintjamesparish.org

6:00PM



SACRAMENT INFORMATION

Fr. Silvano Kim

PARISH STAFF INFORMATION

Fr. Joe Barbone



BAPTISM

Communal Baptisms are held on the last Sunday of each month at 1:30pm in the Church. Please see the dates listed below. Please contact the Parish Office for scheduling information.

RECONCILIATION

Individual Confessions are heard every Saturday at 11:00am in the Church, or anytime by appointment.

EUCHARIST

Communion can be brought to the sick and homebound either at home or in a facility. Please contact the Parish Office to make arrangements.

CONFIRMATION

Adult Confirmation for those already Baptized and wish to complete their sacraments are encouraged to contact the Parish Office.

MARRIAGE

Couples interested in marriage are asked to call the Parish Office at least one year prior to their desired date so that arrangements can be made.

VOCATIONS

Is God calling you to the priesthood or Religious Life? Speak to one of our priests or call the Vocations Office 973-497-4365. Please continue to pray for an increase in vocations.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

This Sacrament can be administered anytime. We make visits to area hospitals and nursing homes. Please contact the Parish Office.

THE RCIA PROCESS

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a process where individuals who seek to receive the Sacraments of Initiation or who have never been baptized enter into full communion with the faith. Contact the Parish Office for details.

BAPTISM INFORMATION

The catechesis class begins by attending the 12:00pm Mass with instruction about the rite and its meaning following Mass. Godparents are encouraged to attend. Baptism Ceremonies are held at 1:30pm and we ask that everyone arrive by 1:15pm. If you have any questions or would like to schedule a Baptism or catechesis please call the Parish Office at 973-376-3044.

CATECHESISMarch 13, May 1

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM April 3, 21

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