

Dear Parents & Godparents,

Welcome to Mt. Virgin Roman Catholic Parish Faith Community as you prepare to celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism of your child. This may or may not be your first child. In either case, you have an innate desire to give your child a share in the life of Christ. You desire more for your child than this life here on earth has to offer. This is the promise of eternal life given in Baptism, as your child will share forever in the life, death and resurrection of our Lord. They will be fed at the altar in Holy Communion and sealed with the Holy Spirit in Confirmation. They will know God's mercy and forgiveness in Reconciliation and someday, perhaps, come to celebrate Marriage or Holy Orders. Their Baptism is not just a day or a moment, but a life which is meant to be lived. You are the first teachers and examples in the ways and practices of our faith and must be the best of teachers.

Baptisms are celebrated on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month at 1:00 PM.

Formation & Preparation

All Parents and Godparents are to attend ***"Mass Formation"*** prior to the Baptism. This takes place in the ***St. Joseph Center*** on the ***3rd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM***, unless otherwise noted. This is a wonderful opportunity to renew your knowledge of the true meaning Baptism. The Baptism Team Family will have reserved seating for you, located at the Baptismal Font in the center of our church. Formation continues immediately afterwards, as we are obligated to attend Sunday Mass as Catholics. ****Please attach a \$25.00 Processing Fee along with the completed Registration Form.***

Read the Baptism booklet you received with this letter and review what the Sacrament of Baptism is all about. We know that Water is used in the ceremony, but there are other rich symbols that are also part of the ceremony. Share with each other what you've read. It will make you better prepared for the Baptism.

The Godparents must obtain a Sponsor's Certificate from the Catholic Church they are now attending and a copy of their Confirmation Certificate. If the Godparents live out of state or are not able to attend the instruction session at Mount Virgin, then they must speak to their priest to see if they can attend an instruction session at their Church.

All newly baptized children and their parents are invited to attend the 11:30 Family Mass on the first Sunday of the following month for a formal welcome to Our Lady of Mt. Virgin Parish.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Rectory at 973-772-2295.

God's continued blessings upon you and your family!