

*Dates for Baptism – Sunday 1:30PM*

**Holy Rosary Church, 120 Jerome Avenue**

(Please arrive at the church at least *fifteen minutes before* the start of the ceremony. Family and Friends are welcome. Ask them to be on time.)

2017

January 8 & January 22

February 12 & February 26

March 12 & March 26

April 2 & April 23

May 7 & May 28

June 11 & June 25

July 9 & July 23

August 13 & August 27

Sept 10 & Sept 24

October 8 & October 22

November 12 & November 26

December 3 & December 17

**Holy Rosary Parish**  
**80 Jerome Ave. Staten Island, NY 10305**  
**1-718-727-3360**

Please accept our prayerful best wishes as you prepare for the Baptism of your child. Your child is soon to become a member of our Catholic Community and the Mystical Body of Christ. We invite you to become more a part of our Parish life and a regular participant at Sunday Mass.

1. Please provide us with the following documents:
  - A copy of the *Birth Certificate*;
  - If you are not parishioners, a *Letter of Permission* from your home Parish.
  - If the Godparents are not parishioners, a *Sponsors' Certificate* from their home Parish.
  - your contact numbers and email
2. At least *one Catholic Godparent* is required. If you select two Godparents, one must be a man *and* one must be a woman.
3. A Godparent must be a *practicing Catholic* who attends Mass regularly, who has received the Sacrament of Confirmation, and, if married is in a valid church marriage (married by a Priest or Deacon).
4. Please be reflective in selecting Godparents. A Baptismal Godparent is chosen for life and may never be replaced.
5. If you select only one Godparent, you may in addition ask a non-Catholic Christian to serve as a Christian Witness.

6. Parents *and* Godparents are expected to attend the Pre-Baptismal Instruction. If you live outside the Parish you may attend this Instruction in your home Parish. You will need a letter from your parish stating that you have attended the instructions.
7. The requested donation to the Parish is \$100. We will provide you with an offering envelope at the Instruction.
8. Private Baptisms are scheduled *only if* a Visiting Priest has agreed to perform the ceremony.
9. A Baptism may also be celebrated at the 12:00 PM Sunday Mass. Please consult with us for available dates.
10. We encourage the parents and godparents to go to Confession as a spiritual preparation for the Baptism.
11. If you live within our Parish boundaries or consider yourself a member of our Parish we would like you to register as a parishioner.
12. In order to respect the dignity of the celebration of the Sacrament a maximum of 6 children will be baptized at a given ceremony.

*Dates for Instruction Sessions for Parents & Godparents*  
 Sunday session at 1:30PM  
 At Holy Rosary Church, 120 Jerome Avenue  
 (Please arrive 10 Minutes ahead of time)

2017 SUNDAYS

January	15	&	29	
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February	5	&	19	
March	5	&	19	
April	30			
May	21			
June	4	&	18	
July	16	&	30	
August	6	&	20	
September	3	&	17	
October	1	&	15	
November	5	&	19	
December	10			