

ADULT OCIA CALENDAR 2026/27

*All gatherings in the Red Bank Catholic High School Meeting Room
unless otherwise indicated*

- September** 8 (Tuesday) - Inquiry 7-8
15 (Tuesday) - Inquiry 7-8
22 (Tuesday) - Inquiry 7-8
29 (Tuesday) - Meeting 7-8:30
- October** 6 (Tuesday) - Meeting 7-8:30
13 (Tuesday) - Meeting 7-8:30
20 (Tuesday) - Meeting 7-8:30
27 (Tuesday) - Meeting 7-8:30
- November** 3 (Tuesday) - Meeting 7-8:30
10 (Tuesday) - Meeting 7-8:30
17 (Tuesday) - Meeting 7-8:30
24 (Tuesday) - No Meeting, Thanksgiving Week
29 (Sunday) - RITE FOR ENTRANCE/WELCOMING, St. James Church -
12 pm Mass
- December** 1 (Tuesday) - Meeting 7-8:30
8 (Tuesday) - Meeting 7-8:30
15 (Tuesday) - Meeting 7-8:30
22 (Tuesday) - No Meeting, Christmas Week
29 (Tuesday) - No Meeting, New Year's Week
- January** 5 (Tuesday) - Meeting 7-8:30
12 (Tuesday) - Meeting 7-8:30
19 (Tuesday) - Meeting 7-8:30
26 (Tuesday) - Meeting 7-8:30
- February** 2 (Tuesday) - Meeting 7-8:30
9 (Tuesday) - Meeting 7-8:30
10 (Wednesday) - Ash Wednesday
11 (Thursday) - RITE OF SENDING, St. James Church 7 pm Mass (*for catechumens, but all welcome*)
14 (Sunday) - RITE OF ELECTION, time and place TBA (*mandatory for catechumens and their sponsors ONLY*)
16 (Tuesday) - Meeting 7-8:30
23 (Tuesday) - Meeting 7-8:30
28 (Sunday) - First Scrutiny, St. James Church, time TBA (*short meeting for the elect after dismissal*)
- March** 2 (Tuesday) - Meeting 7-8:30 (*attend 7 pm Mass together, with Rite of Handing on of the Creed, no sponsor necessary - meeting after Mass*)
7 (Sunday) - Second Scrutiny, St. James Church, time TBA (*short meeting for the elect after dismissal*)

- 9 (Tuesday) - Meeting 7-8:30(*attend 7 pm Mass together, with Rite of Handing on of the Lord's Prayer, no sponsor necessary - meeting after Mass*)
- 14 (Sunday) - Third Scrutiny, St. James Church, time TBA (*short meeting for the elect after dismissal*)
- 16 (Tuesday) - Meeting 7-8:30 (*attend 7 pm Mass together, tour of the Church- meeting after Mass*)
- 21 (Sunday) - Palm Sunday
- 23 (Tuesday) - Holy Week - Meeting 7-8:30
- 24 (Wednesday) - Penance Service with Individual Reconciliation, St. James Church 7 pm
- 25 (Thursday) - Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper, St. James Church 7pm (*Optional*)
- 26 (Friday) - Celebration of the Lord's Passion, St. James Church 3 pm (*Optional*)
- 27(Saturday) - EASTER VIGIL SERVICE 8 pm (*Plan to arrive EARLY!*)
- 30 (Tuesday) - Meeting 7-8:30
- April** 6 (Tuesday) - Meeting 7-8:30
- 13 (Tuesday) - Meeting 7-8:30
- 20 (Tuesday) - Meeting 7-8:30
- 27 (Tuesday) - Meeting 7-8:30
- May** 4 (Tuesday) - Meeting 7-8:30
- 11 (Tuesday) - Meeting 7-8:30
- 16 (Sunday) - PENTECOST SERVICE 12 noon (*Plan to arrive early*)
- 18 (Tuesday) - Final Meeting, participant reflection/feedback and celebration! 7-8:30

* **Candidates** are seekers who have previously been Baptized Catholic (or another Christian tradition) and are dedicating themselves to prayer, repentance and instruction in Catholic doctrine towards Full Initiation.

* **Catechumens** are those seekers who are not yet Baptized in a Christian tradition and have dedicated themselves to prayer, repentance and instruction in Catholic doctrine towards Full Initiation.

* **Elect** are those catechumens who have been recognized by the Bishop at the Rite of Election as ready for Full Initiation into the Catholic Church and are in the final stage of preparation before Easter Vigil.

The timeline for Sacramental readiness varies; you are encouraged to take as much time as you need to build a prayer life and relationship with Our Lord, with the help of His grace and outpouring of the Holy Spirit in your life.

We invite you to participate in Sunday Masses and to commit to prayer and reading of the daily scriptures. Our meetings will encompass prayer and discussing the Gospel

together. Additionally, we will be viewing and discussing the Symbolon episodes, available on the Formed website. This resource is free and available for you to create a personal account; go to signup.formed.org, enter the parish zip code (07701), select our parish, enter your name and begin enjoying the many programs available. You will also be able to download and use the FORMED app.

Some other great resources for prayer, bible reflections and more are the Hallow and Laudate apps. Hallow has both the Bible in a Year and Catechism in a Year (both highly recommended), and weekly homilies by Father Mike Schmitz which are always wonderful. There are many terrific programs on Domestic Church Radio, WFJS 89.3 FM. This is by no means an exhaustive list; we will continue to make recommendations as we continue our journey together.

We will be sending weekly meeting recaps via email; *please read them* as they will often contain additional resources, plus schedule changes and other important information. You may reply to these updates, or contact us using the phone numbers and email addresses listed below any time you have questions or need clarification.

Finally, please keep in mind that this is not a race, and you are exactly where you should be. We will proceed as quickly or slowly as you need; put your trust in the Lord and he will guide you. God Bless!

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