



St. Patrick Parish & Shrine

Sacrament of Baptism – Baptism Registration Form

Dear Parent:

Your child's baptism is a time for celebration and joy for both your family and the Catholic Community here at St. Patrick. We are here to assist you in this celebration.

The Church both acknowledges and supports your decision to have your child baptized. This wonderful time is one of preparation, at time to explore and evaluate your won faith and practice. As your child grows, he or she will learn about his or her faith from you. Your child will model his or her faith after your own.

That is why, when you approach the Church about having your child baptized, we will want to be assured that your faith is an important part of your daily life. The very fact that you have begun the process to have your child baptized is a strong indication of the recognition of the importance of God in your own life.

As you review the procedures noted below, please take time to reflect upon your faith. Important information regarding preparation for and celebration of the sacrament, as well as information regarding the selection of Godparents, is included.

We welcome your child with great joy and look forward to growing in faith with you and your family!

Baptismal Procedures at St. Patrick

Please complete the enclosed Baptismal Registration Form (2 pages), which includes Memorandum of Baptism and a Questionnaire and then return it to St. Patrick Church through one of the following methods: in person, by fax, standard mail or email to: stpatsemail@fuse.net. If there are questions regarding the form, please call the parish secretary at (859) 356-5151 ext. 10. Please allow at least (2) months for the entire baptismal process, unless unforeseen circumstances occur. If unforeseen family circumstances occur, please be sure to call right away. A baptismal process checklist has been provided below for your records.

It will be necessary for first-time parents and godparents to attend a baptismal preparation session at St. Patrick or in their home parish. It is also advised parents not having attended baptismal preparation class within the last (5) years, attend again. If the baptismal preparation session is taken at another Catholic church, please submit an official certificate of attendance to the St. Patrick Parish Office. Baptism preparation class is held monthly at St. Patrick on the first Saturday of each month in the church. Please call the parish secretary to register for the class with the intended date of attendance. After all paperwork has been received, you will be contacted to schedule the Baptism.

Baptisms are scheduled based upon availability. Please note: baptisms are not celebrated during Lent, since it is a season of preparation for initiation; and it is most appropriate to refrain from celebrating during this season. However, in cases of emergency or other significant pastoral reason the baptism may be celebrated upon approval by Father Jeff.

Customarily, both a Godmother and Godfather are chosen to be a child's Godparents. At least one godparent must be a practicing Catholic, at least (16) years old, and be fully initiated (has received Baptism, Confirmation, and First Eucharist). While the role of Godparent is honorary, it is more importantly one of great significance and responsibility. The role of the godparent is: to join the parents in presenting the child for baptism, to assist the parents in passing the faith on to the child, and to represent the community in accepting the child as a member of the Church.

Christ's Peace,

Fr. Jeff

Baptismal Process Checklist *(For Your Records)*

- _____ Complete Baptismal Registration Form
- _____ Submit Baptismal Registration Form
- _____ Parents attend baptismal preparation class
- _____ If baptismal preparation class taken at another Catholic church, Submit proof of attendance
- _____ Request date for baptism

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MEMORANDUM OF BAPTISM

(Please Print)

Family Name: _____

Child's Name: _____
First Middle Last

Full Name of Mother: _____
First Middle Maiden Name Last

Religion of Mother: _____

Full Name of Father: _____
First Middle Last

Religion of Father: _____

Address: _____
Street Address

City State Zip Code

Home Phone: () _____ Cell Phone: () _____

Email: _____

Date of Birth of Child: ____ / ____ / ____

Place of Birth of Child: _____

***Baptism Date (Request):** ____ / ____ / ____

Please Check One: _____ **Sunday During 11 am Mass** _____ **Sunday 12:15 pm (after the 11am Mass)**

*** PLEASE NOTE:** REQUESTED DATES MUST BE APPROVED! PLEASE CONFIRM APPROVAL WITH THE PARISH SECRETARY PRIOR TO CONTACTING OUT OF TOWN FAMILY WITH DATE!

Full Name of Godfather: _____

Is Godfather a practicing Catholic? _____ Yes _____ No

Full Name of Godmother: _____

Is Godmother a practicing Catholic? _____ Yes _____ No

Was this child privately baptized? _____ Yes _____ No

Parents married by: _____

What number child is this? _____

Attended Baptism Preparation Class? _____ Yes _____ No Where? _____

Priest/Deacon who performed Baptism: _____

Members of the Parish? _____ Yes _____ No

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QUESTIONNAIRE

Please answer the following questions as best as you can. This will help you prepare for your child's baptism. Thank You.

1) Why do you wish your child to be baptized at this time?

2) Is this your first child? _____ Yes _____ No

3) Have you attended a baptism class in the last 2 years? _____ Yes _____ No

If yes, where? _____ When? _____

4) How do you intend to carry out the Christian responsibilities you assume in bringing your child to be baptized?

5) What help do you hope to receive from the community of St. Patrick as you begin to nurture your child's growth?

6) What qualities do you look for in choosing Godparents for your child?

7) Are there questions you have regarding baptism or our Catholic faith?

Father's Signature

Mother's Signature