Sacrament of Baptism

Dear Parents,

St. John the Apostle/St. Bernadette Parish is happy to welcome your child as a member of God’s family in the Sacrament of Baptism.

Baptism is the first of the “Sacraments of Initiation” which also includes Confirmation and Holy Eucharist. In Baptism your child receives the new life of grace in Jesus Christ. Confirmation strengthens the Baptismal grace and commitment; and regular participation of the Eucharist is our nourishment for our Christian journey.

Baptism is rightly seen as the “gateway” to the other Sacraments and the first step on a lifelong journey of faith. I welcome your child into our family and pray your son/daughter will continue to grow into the image and likeness of Christ.

In Christ,

Fr. Anthony Giamello

Pastor

Instructions

1. Only the parents can obtain and arrange for the Sacrament of Baptism for their child(ren), not other family members or friends.

2. Fill out the application form.

3. Attach a copy of the Legal Birth Certificate (names must match).

4. Attach the Sponsor/Godparent(s) Certificates.

5. Submit the Baptismal Application Form to the office, please remember 4 to 6 weeks notice is expected.

6. The office will contact you in order to confirm the date for Baptismal Preparation Class and the Baptismal Celebration. You may be asked to make an appointment in order to speak with the priest if there are irregularities in the form.

7. Attend the Baptism Preparation Meeting.

8. Come to the Baptismal Celebration!

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**St. John the Apostle Parish / St. Bernadette**

**Baptismal Application Form**

This form is to be completed by all parents wishing to have their child baptized at St. John the Apostle/St. Bernadette Parish. The date and time of your child's baptism will be confirmed by the office. Please return this completed form to the parish office at least 6 weeks before the proposed date of baptism. Be sure to attach your Sponsor Eligibility Certificates from your Godparent’s Catholic Church and a copy of your child’s legal birth certificate (the Parish Secretary will make the copy for you).

OFFICE USE ONLY

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| Form Received |  | Date/ Time of Baptism |  |
| Birth Certificate |  | Celebrant |  |
| Sponsor Eligibility |  | Location |  |
| Baptismal Preparation Class |  | Entered in Parish Soft |  |
| Approved by Pastor |  | Entered in Register |  |

To Be Completed By Parent(s):

CHILD'S FULL NAME:

first name middle name(s) last name

PLACE OF BIRTH: DATE OF BIRTH: Month: Day: Year:

city /state

(Please attach a copy of the Child’s Legal birth certificate to this application.)

ADDRESS: APT./UNIT #:

CITY: POSTAL CODE: PHONE #:

FATHER'S FULL NAME: RELIGION:

Address:

E-Mail:

MOTHER’S NAME & MAIDEN: RELIGION

Address:

E-Mail:

PLACE OF MARRIAGE

(name of church, location, denomination):

I / W e attend Church at: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Are you registered members? YES NO

We will attend the Baptism Class offered on given by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

 I/W e wish to have our child baptized because…

To have a child baptized, parents have to promise to raise their child in the Catholic faith. How will you fulfill that promise?

 I/We prefer the following options for the Baptism to take place on:

(Date should be 1 month after completion of class unless other arrangements have been made; date requests are not guarantees, simply requests or suggestions.)

1st Date Time

2nd Date Time

3rd Date Time

 Information for Requested Sponsors/Godparent(s):

**Godparents ideally should be practicing Catholics.  To be a Godparent one must be at least 16 years old, have received their Confirmation and First Holy Communion, and living out the Catholic faith.  Godparents consists of a Godfather and a Godmother, and cannot be the parents or grandparents.  Recognizing the difficulty at times to provide two practicing Catholics to be Godparents, one may be designated as a “Christian witness.”  They must be a baptized Christian and will need to submit a letter stating that they have been baptized in the Trinitarian formula (in the Father, Son and Holy Spirit).  If the Godparents are not a registered member of St. John / St. Bernadette’s they will need a certificate of Eligibility from their Parish Priest where they attend Mass.**

 The Godfather/Male Christian witness:

first name surname religion

Godfather’s Denomination/ Registered Church? Certificate of Eligibility obtained?

Is the Godfather Married? Name of Church, location, denomination:

The Godmother/Female Christian witness:

first name surname religion

Godmother’s Denomination/ Registered Church? Certificate of Eligibility obtained?

Is the Godmother Married? Name of Church, location, denomination:

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