

BAPTISM REGISTRATION FORM

Saint Thomas More Catholic Church

4 Convent Road

Morristown, New Jersey 07960

Phone : (973) 267-5330

Email: info@stmnj.org

Dear Parents,

Congratulations on the birth of your child!

Enclosed are the forms and guidelines for obtaining the Sacrament of Baptism for Infants (i.e. newborns - age 6) at Saint Thomas More.

We ask you to please read everything carefully and provide us with all information necessary as you prepare for the baptism of your child. All information needed is in conformity with the Guidelines for Infant Baptism for the Diocese of Paterson.

Baptism is no mere social convention, but the Sacrament in which Christ Himself purifies, justifies and sanctifies (1 Peter 1:23) your child for eternal life. We rejoice with you in the birth of your child and look forward to welcoming him or her into the family of God and the communion of the Holy Catholic Church.

Please contact our Parish Office at 973-267-5330 or info@stmnj.org if you have any questions. May God bless you and your child!

- Saint Thomas More Catholic Church

CHECKLIST FOR BAPTISM OF INFANTS

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For Parents:

__ Choose Godparents (in accordance with the requirements below) and inform them of the requirements to join in the Baptism preparation meeting, to provide a Letter of Verification of Full Communion from his/her parish and to deliver a signed Godparent Certificate.

__ Attend a Baptism preparation meeting, along with the Godparents, with the priest who will be performing the Baptism.

__ Complete the Infant Baptism Request Form and deliver it to the Parish Office (either in person, by mail or by email), together with the following:

- Copy of your child's State-registered Birth Certificate;

- **If you are not a parishioner of Saint Thomas More-** A letter from your parish pastor granting permission for your child to be baptized at Saint Thomas More;

- Letters of Verification of Full Communion with the Church from the parish of each Godparent; and

- Completed and signed Godparent Certificates.

For Godparents:

__ Attend a Baptism preparation meeting, along with the parents, with the priest who will be performing the Baptism.

__ Complete and sign a Godparent Certificate and give it to the parents to deliver to the Parish Office.

__ Request a Letter of Verification of Full Communion with the Church from your parish. The letter must be signed by the pastor and stamped with the parish seal. Once received, give it to the parents to deliver to the Parish Office.

***Please Note:** For a person to stand as a Godparent, the following requirements must be met:

- Be designated by the parents

- Have the intention of performing the role of Godparent

- Be at least 16 years old

- Be a fully-initiated Roman Catholic (having received Baptism, First Communion and Confirmation)

- Lead a life in harmony with the Faith and role of a Godparent (i.e. be a registered member of a parish, attend Mass on Sunday and Holy Days of Obligation and remain faithful to the laws of the Church regarding marriage)

- Not be bound by any canonical penalty legitimately imposed or declared

- Not be the father or mother of the child to be baptized

Only one Godparent is required, but if there are two, at least one of the persons you choose must fulfill these requirements. If you wish to honor a non-Catholic member of your family or friends, they may stand as a Witness to your child's Baptism, but they will not be listed as a Godparent on the child's Baptismal Certificate. Please also note two Godparents of the same sex are not permitted.

INFANT BAPTISM REQUEST FORM

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Please type or print all information clearly.

Name of Child:

First _____ Middle _____ Last _____

Date of Birth _____ City & State of Birth _____

Name of Mother:

First _____ Middle _____ Maiden _____

Religion of Mother _____

Name of Father:

First _____ Middle _____ Last _____

Religion of Father _____

Mailing Address:

Daytime Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Has your child been previously baptized? _____ If so, where? _____

Parish where you are registered: _____

For how long? _____

How often do you attend Mass (daily, weekly, monthly, never or other)?

Mother _____ Father _____

Requested Date of Baptism (please provide two dates):

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Questions Regarding Marriage and Family

Are you married? _____ If so, Name of Church _____

Date of Marriage _____ City & State _____

Number of Children _____ Age(s) _____

Are the children, if of school age, enrolled in a Catholic religious education program or in a Catholic school?

Name of Godmother (or, if not Roman Catholic, Witness):

First _____ Last _____

Religion of Godmother/Witness _____

Name of Godfather (or, if not Roman Catholic, Witness):

First _____ Last _____

Religion of Godfather/Witness _____

We hereby request the Sacrament of Baptism for our child (please sign and date):

Father _____ Date _____

Mother _____ Date _____

GODPARENT CERTIFICATE

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I, _____,

a registered member of _____

Roman Catholic Church, located in (City & State) _____,

have been asked to be a Godparent for (Child's Name):

_____.

Son/Daughter of (Parents' names):

who resides at (Parents' Address):

as he/she celebrates the Sacrament of Baptism.

I affirm that:

- I have received the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation) in the Roman Catholic Church and, if married, am validly married according to the norms of the Roman Catholic Church.
- I participate regularly in Sunday Mass.
- I actively witness to my faith in Jesus Christ by the way I live in service and love to the people with whom I come in contact daily.
- I shall give Christian witness and pray for my Godchild as his/her Godparent.
- I understand and accept the responsibility that I undertake as a Godparent.

Signature of Godparent _____ Date _____

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