



BAPTISM REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Any Questions, please email engage@holyfamilyppgh.org or call 412-793-4511 (x503)

Congratulations on choosing baptism for your child! This will be an amazing event in your child's life that will have lasting memories. Below is some information for you regarding how to plan and what to expect for your child's baptism.

Baptism Preparation Class

A baptism class is mandatory for first time parents. A second class is only needed upon your request if you feel you need a refresher. Classes are scheduled monthly within our grouping and last about an hour in length. Godparents do not need to attend. To register for a class, please contact the Office of Faith Formation through the contact information listed above.

Selecting Godparents for Your Child

Choosing godparents is one of the most critical steps in planning the baptism for your child. Please take time to prayerfully consider who would be willing to take on this responsibility.

Church law requires a godparent to be at least 16 years old, fully initiated in the Catholic faith (has received Baptism, First Holy Communion, and Confirmation), and is a registered and participating member at a Catholic parish. It is common to have two sponsors (one male and one female); however, only one is required. Catholic godparents will need to submit a sponsorship form one week prior to the scheduled baptism.

Sometimes, a family may want to request a person of another Christian faith to serve as a godparent. Along with the Catholic godparent, this person may serve as a Christian Witness. If you choose a Christian Witness for your child, please be sure they complete and submit a "Christian Witness Form" that can be found on the parish web site or can be sent to you digitally. This form must be submitted one week prior to the scheduled baptism.

Please Note: A Christian Witness cannot be a person who was baptized in the Catholic faith but have since fallen away. A Christian Witness must be at least 16 years of age, be validly baptized in a Christian tradition, and not under canonical penalty (ex: invalid marriage). A Christian Witness can only be permitted if there is another valid Catholic godparent chosen.

Scheduling a Baptism

We are happy to be able to accommodate baptisms almost every Sunday dependent on building and clergy availability. However, there are some occasions when baptisms cannot be scheduled such as during the Advent and Lenten seasons.