

How Do I Get My Child Baptized?



1. If you would like to have your child baptized at St. Mary's Church, you must be registered in the parish and practicing the Faith. First, fill out a Baptismal Registration Form and schedule an appointment with our pastor, Father Baer (301) 292-0527, Ext. #101. If all is in proper order, the date and time of the Baptism are typically scheduled at this meeting.
2. Parents must then attend a Baptismal preparation session. Please contact Mr. Bill Keimig, Director of Religious Education, at (301) 292-0528, Ext. #104 to schedule a session.
3. Canon law is very specific concerning those who are to stand as godparents. They must be practicing Catholics who are over 16 years old, and have received the initiation rites of the Church. If the godparents are from another parish, a certificate of sponsorship is required from their pastor. A non-Catholic Christians cannot be a godparent. However, he or she may stand as a Christian witness. The person should be participating fully and faithfully in his or her Christian tradition. A non-Christian cannot stand either as a godparent or witness.