



Preparing for Your Child's Baptism

Please accept our prayerful best wishes as you prepare for the Baptism of your child. Your child is soon to become a member of our Catholic Church and the Mystical Body of Christ. We invite you to become more a part of our Parish life and a regular participant at Sunday Mass.

Requirements:

- Parents must be registered parishioners and practicing Catholics (attend mass on days of obligation). If you are just registering now, there is a three-month waiting period before the baptism.
- Must live within parish boundary (if not, a "letter of permission" is needed from parish where you live).
- Information must be provided only by parents or legal guardians (in person and not over the phone).
- You must come to register your child during office hours. If you cannot come during those hours, call the office to schedule an appointment. Both parents must be present.
- You must bring your child's birth certificate at the time of registration. If your child is already 7 years of age. He/she must attend Religious Education instruction for a period of time before baptism takes place.
- Parents and Godparents must attend a Baptismal class at 7:00 PM (at a given date).
- We will gratefully accept a donation to our Parish to express your gratitude to God. We will provide you with an Offering Envelope at the Instruction Session.
- Parents should bring the child for the Presentation at one of the weekend masses (date will be given at the time of registration).
- Both Godparents must be practicing Catholics (attend mass on days of obligation), and have received the sacrament of confirmation (Church certificates required). Please, prayerfully consider your selection of Godparents. A baptismal Godparent is chosen for life and may never be replaced.
- It is recommended that the child would have both, a Godfather and a Godmother, in case of only one, a Godfather is recommended for a boy, and a Godmother for a girl. If Godparents are not Parishioners of OLGC, they must submit a signed Sponsor Form from the parish they attend.
- On the day of the Baptism, please arrive ahead of time so that you can be in your places, meet with the Priest or Deacon, and go over last minute details.
- Please call the Parish Office (718) 447-1503 for an appointment to register for Baptisms.

Baptismal Class Sessions for Parents & Godparents

One Tuesday per month at 7:00 pm
at the Parish Office (in English)

One Wednesday per month at 7:00 pm (Spanish)
(Please arrive 10 minutes ahead of time)

Dates for Baptism

Usually 1st Saturday of the month at 1:00 PM (English); 2nd Saturday of the month at 1:00 PM (Spanish) unless otherwise noted.