



St. Joseph Mareello Parish
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PLEASE NOTE NEW PROCEDURES

Congratulations! In choosing to have your child baptized, you realize the importance of raising your child in a community of faith.

Baptism is the primary sacrament of the Christian Faith, the foundation upon which the entire Christian life is built. When we are baptized, the original sin with which we are born as children of Adam and Eve is taken away, we are filled with sanctifying grace and we become members of the Church, the Body of Christ.

One of the first questions that will be stated and asked of you during the Rite of Baptism is: *"You have asked to have your child baptized. In doing so you are accepting the responsibility of training them in the practice of the faith. It will be your duty to bring them up to keep God's commandments as Christ taught us, by loving God and our neighbor. Do you clearly understand what you are undertaking?"*

Please note the following requirements:

BAPTISM PREPARATION FOR CHILDREN UNDER THE AGE OF 6

PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE AT LEAST 3 MONTHS PRIOR TO PROPOSED BAPTISM DATE.

Parents of the child to be baptized **must be registered** and active members of St. Joseph Mareello Parish.

PLEASE NOTE:

All required forms must be correctly completed and returned to the parish office (including Godparent Verification Forms which are signed and sealed by the godparents' pastor) **BEFORE** the Deacon will contact you to set up a meeting. At that meeting, the date can be set for the baptism.

Godparents include a godmother and a godfather. They **must be CONFIRMED**, practicing Catholics in good standing with the Church and over the age of 16.

A non-catholic baptized Christian may be chosen as a Christian witness along with the Catholic godparent. Recommendation from their church accepted.

We have read and understand these baptism requirements and instructions:

Signature of Mother _____

Signature of Father _____

Date _____

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