

Church of Saint – Baptism Procedures **& Guidelines**



Baptism for Children 0-5 Years

What is the Sacrament of Baptism?

Baptism is a rite of initiation into the Catholic Church, a welcoming of your child into the Christian family. Through Baptism, we receive the grace of God and become sharers in the Church's mission.

When are children baptized at Saint Ann's Church?

Baptisms celebrated at a ceremony are normally scheduled on the first and third Sundays of each month at 1:30 p.m.

Parents may also choose to have a child baptized during Sunday Mass. Baptisms held within the context of Sunday Mass are scheduled monthly during the 10:30 a.m. and 12 p.m. liturgy, usually on the last Sunday of the month.

During the season of Lent, there are no Baptisms celebrated at Saint Ann's.

Baptism and registered members of Saint Ann

Only registered parishioners of the Church of Saint Ann may have their children baptized at Saint Ann. Parish Registration Forms are available on the parish website, at the Welcome Desk in the Faith Development Center, or at the doors the Church.

Exceptions to the aforementioned policy:

If good reason allows, and the approval of the pastor or pastoral associate is given, exception may be made for a grandchild or close relative of a parishioner. If that is the case, the parents must obtain permission (a formal letter) from the pastor of their parish to celebrate the baptism at Saint Ann.

Is there a cost to have my child baptized?

Parents are encouraged to make a donation to the Church on the occasion of their child's Baptism. Envelopes are provided in the Baptism Registration Packet or at the Baptism Preparation class. We do not charge a fee for a baptism.

What is the process to have my child baptized?

In order to best prepare for baptism, parents baptizing their first child are asked to call the Parish Office at 609-882-6491, ext. 111, or email Deacon Frank Golazeski mail@deaconfrank.com to register for the Baptismal Preparation class. Sessions are held a few times per year. Please check the Parish website for dates.

All information regarding the Sacrament of Baptism can be found on the parish website under the title "Sacraments". There are also packets available at the Faith Development Center Welcome Desk.

- Review Baptism information on the parish website
- Register early to attend a Baptism Preparation session (if it is your first child to be baptized)
- Complete the registration form including your choice date and time for the Baptism celebration. All baptisms are to be scheduled **no later than two weeks** prior to the celebration.
- Send your godparent eligibility forms to Maryann Tsugas, Parish Secretary.

What if my child is older (over 5)?

Because older children are capable of learning about their faith, those who have already had their sixth birthday or begun first grade should be enrolled in Catholic school or St. Ann's Religious Education program before being baptized. Please call the Religious Education Office at (609) 882-6491, ext. 116, for information about religious instruction and procedures for Baptism.

