



Congratulations on the birth of your child! On behalf of St. Paul & St. Ann Parish, we extend to you and your child our warmest welcome. Baptism is a welcoming of your child into Christ and into the Church.

You are the primary teachers of your child. Your child will learn about life, love, God, and our Catholic faith from you. By your example and life, your child will learn about your values and your beliefs.

REQUIREMENTS FOR BAPTISM

PARENTS	GODPARENTS
. At least one parent must be Catholic	Godparents are to help the parents in their duties as Christian mothers and fathers. Be supportive, a model of Christian living for your godchild, and there to help the child grow spiritually, not ceremonially.
. Catholic parents must attend Mass regularly and be willing to raise the child as Catholic.	. The Code of Canon Law specifies the requirements for serving as a Godparent (Canon Law 874):
. If the parent lives within the boundaries of St. Paul & St. Ann, you MUST be registered.	. You may not be the parent of the person being baptized.
. If the parent is registered in another parish or lives within the boundaries of another parish, a letter from your pastor is required stating that you have permission to have your child baptized at St. Paul & St. Ann.	. You must be at least 16 years of age. . You must be fully initiated members of the Catholic Church (Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist)
. First time parents must complete a baptismal class. If this is not your first child, a baptismal prep class is valid for 3 years.	. if married, they must be in a valid marriage recognized by the Church.
	. One sponsor must be male, the other female.
REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION	
. Baptism Registration Form	Christian Witness:
. Copy of child's Birth Certificate	. Must be a baptized Christian and provide a copy of their Baptismal record.
. Sponsor certification letter from each godparent.	
. If needed, permission letter from parish granting permission to Baptize your child	BAPTISMS:
	St. Ann Church – 1 st & 3 rd Sunday of Month
All paperwork must be submitted before Scheduling Baptism.	St. Paul Church – 2 nd & 4 th Sunday of Month
	Suggested donation: \$100

Please call our rectory office at 845-268-4464 to request a Baptism packet.