

# The Sacrament of BAPTISM

If you have recently had a new child - **Congratulations!**

## For Baptism we would ask that:

- **YOU CONTACT THE OFFICE** to give the **information for the baptismal register** ... if you haven't already [518] 793-9677
- **PLAN ON ATTENDING** our **Baptismal Preparation class** - ask about the dates & times
- **SCHEDULE A DATE** for the baptism. Baptisms are *usually* the **3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday at 11:30 am**. (This is to allow for a 9:30 am funeral if needed)
  - invite your family and friends to participate
  - take as many pictures as you want to remember this very special day

**The role of the Godparent** is a very important and special one. Please choose a Godparent who is a good role model for your child, one **who is practicing their faith** and will be a support to you as Christian Parents. If the Godparent is **not** a registered member of this parish, we would ask they get a **Certificate of Eligibility** from their pastor [not their own baptismal certificate]

## Requirements for a Godparent

- **only 1 of each sex may be chosen** (1 male/1 female)
- **One MUST be Catholic** and the **other may be Catholic or serve as a Christian witness**
- For the Catholic ... they **must be 16 years of age, have received the 3 Sacraments of Initiation - Baptism / Confirmation / Eucharist and be a member of a Parish practicing their faith**

We as a Christian Community must pray for these little ones that the faith that is being passed down to them, will indeed grow in the hearts - that they will come to know in a deep and powerful way the love that God has for them. He has given them the gift of life. In the Waters of Baptism he gives them the gift of Eternal Life. Each day he provides them with the community to sustain them throughout their life!

If you have **any questions** regarding BAPTISM ... please give Fr. Busch or the Parish Secretary a call ... We will be glad to try to help you in whatever way we can.

