Saint Raphael Parish
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Dear Parents:

Please accept my congratulations and warmest wishes to you and your family on the birth of your new baby. You have received one of God’s choicest blessings. At the same time, you have accepted an obligation and share a responsibility that is important to you and to all of us in Saint Raphael Parish. Baptism is the most important event in your spiritual lives, the beginning of a new life in Christ and His Church. Your role as parents, the primary educators of your child, begun at conception, now takes on a new focus and importance.

The Rite of Baptism gives a clear emphasis and explanation of that role. For this reason, it is required that both parents attend an instructional meeting, to discuss this Rite of Baptism in greater detail. Godparents are invited to this meeting if possible, but it is necessary that both parents do so.

Noted below are requirements for Godparents. A Parish Census Card is also enclosed; if you are not already registered as a member of the Parish Community, please fill this out and return it to the Rectory as soon as possible.

Sincerely in Christ,
Father Paul Coughlin

Instruction:  
Time:  
Place: Saint Raphael Church

Baptism:  
Time:  
Place: Saint Raphael Church

Godparents: The role of the Sponsor or Godparent is, together with the parents, to present the child for baptism and to help the child live a Christian life befitting the baptized and faithfully to fulfill the duties inherent in baptism. The Sponsor must be a Catholic who has received Confirmation and practices their faith. Also, there can be no more than two Sponsors, one of each sex. No young person who has not been Confirmed can be a Sponsor. Please understand these are Church regulations and are to be followed.

There is a suggested Baptismal Offering of $100.00 which goes to the support of the Parish. However any offering, whatever your financial situation allows is fine. Thank you.

* KINDLY COMPLETE THE ENCLOSED YELLOW FORM AND RETURN IT TO US AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. THANK YOU.*
Information needed for Baptism at Saint Raphael Parish, Medford, MA

Please type or print all information. Please fill out and mail back to the Rectory at once. Thank you. If a LETTER OF PERMISSION is needed, please enclose with this form.

CHILD
Baptismal name of child

Date of Birth

Place of Birth

(Hospital) (City) (State)

Date of Baptism

PARENTS
Father’s name

Father’s religion

Mother’s first and maiden name

Mother’s religion

Address

City

Zip

Telephone

E-Mail

Are you married? ______ If yes, please give name of Church and city

GODPARENTS
Godfather’s name

Godfather’s religion If Catholic, has he been Confirmed?

Godmother’s name

Godmother’s religion If Catholic, has she been Confirmed?

Has the baby been previously baptized (e.g. in a hospital)?

Will there be proxy godparents? If so, give name and religion.