

GODPARENT/SPONSOR FOR BAPTISM

To be chosen as a godparent is very special. You, above all others, will be entrusted with the responsibility to participate in this child's Christian life and education. This privilege offers you the opportunity to develop a mutually enriching spiritual relationship – one that will last throughout your lives. Sponsorship implies a real appreciation of the faith, a practice of the same and a sense of responsibility toward the person being baptized. **Ideally, the person who has been asked to be a Catholic godparent has been baptized in the Catholic faith, has received his/her First Communion, has been confirmed in the Catholic faith, and is a member of a Catholic parish.** In today's world, more and more Catholics are not formal members of a Catholic parish. If you find yourself in this category, please contact the St. Mary's priest and have a discussion with him (413) 567-3124.

Please find below the sponsor certificate, which must be filled out by the godparent/sponsor's parish priest and returned to St. Mary's no later than one week before the baptism.

SPONSOR CERTIFICATE DUE BY _____

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone No. () _____

I have been asked by _____ to serve as his/her godparent for the sacrament of Baptism.

I am a registered member of _____ parish. I worship with this faith community and receive the sacraments. I understand that to be a sponsor and a witness for Baptism is a most serious responsibility.

(Sign) _____ (Date) _____

_____ (please check) I am currently not a registered member of a Catholic Parish.

To be completed by the sponsor's parish priest if the sponsor is NOT a member of Saint Mary's, Longmeadow, MA.

I testify that the above named is a registered member here in good standing and in my judgment fulfills all the requirements to be a sponsor for the sacrament of Baptism.

Priest's Signature _____

Date _____

AFFIX SEAL