

Holy Spirit Church

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BAPTISM

Dear Parents,

We wish to offer our wholehearted support as you begin to prepare for the Baptism of your child. Our parish community has been asked to support you with their prayers.

Since the Baptism of infants occurs because of the faith of the parents, we would like to meet with you to share some reflections on the Sacrament of Baptism. The Parents Program meeting is scheduled for one evening prior to your child's Baptism. The dates scheduled for this program are shown on the Baptism Registration Form enclosed.

Listed below are a few commonly asked questions with their responses:

- **When do Baptisms take place at Holy Spirit?**

Baptisms are celebrated on the second Sunday of each month following the 12 Noon Mass, which we ask that you attend along with the Godparents and your guests. The scheduled dates are shown on the Baptism Registration Form enclosed.

- **Who administers the Sacrament of Baptism?**

Priests or Deacons serving the parish community of Holy Spirit.

- **What about Sponsors?**

1. Only one Sponsor is required, however two (maximum) are permitted.
2. A Sponsor must be:
 - ❖ A Christian and one MUST be a practicing Catholic.
 - ❖ Have received the Sacraments of initiation. These sacraments are Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation.
 - ❖ Be mature enough to undertake the responsibility of fostering faith in the newly Baptized.
 - ❖ Have a sponsorship certificate or letter from their parish stating that he/she is a practicing Catholic and able to serve as a Sponsor.
 - ❖ One Godparent of each gender only. (Not 2 male/2 female.)

- **Who can be invited to the Church for the Baptism?**

Since Baptism is an initiation into the Christian community, all relatives and friends are welcome to attend.

- **Is there a fee?**

We do have a suggested donation of \$100 for your child's baptism.

- **Birth Certificate** When returning your completed Baptism Registration Form please include a copy of your child's Birth Certificate. Thank You.

We are looking forward to seeing you at the meeting to plan and prepare for the Baptism of your child. If you have any further questions, please call the Parish Office at 908-687-3327

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BAPTISM REGISTRATION

Date of Baptism: _____ Date of Preparation Class: _____

Child's Name _____
Last First Middle

Date of Birth _____ Place of Birth _____
Month / Day / Year Hospital City/State

This is our _____ Child. Gender ☐ M ☐ F Is the child adopted? _____
(first, second, etc.) (yes/no)

Address _____ Apt./Flr. _____ City _____

Phone _____ E-Mail Address _____

Father's Name _____ Religion _____

Mother's Name _____ Religion _____

Mother's Maiden Name _____

PLEASE NOTE: Both Godparents must be Christian and at least one must be a practicing Catholic. Proof from their Parish that they are a practicing Catholic must be submitted prior to the Baptism.

Godfather's Name: _____ Religion _____

Godmother's Name: _____ Religion _____

Is either Godparent represented by Proxy? _____
Name of Proxy

Baptism Dates at 1:15PM

2023: January 8; February 12; March 12; April 16; May 14; June 4; July 9;
August 13; September 10; October 8; November 12; December 10

Baptism Preparation Class Dates:

Holy Spirit Church at 6:30PM Wednesdays

2023: January 4; February 8; March 8; April 12; May 10; May 31; July 5;
August 9; September 6; October 4; November 8; December 6

Priest/Deacon Officiating at Baptism _____ **Holy Spirit Church, Union, NJ**
(Please sign upon completion of the Sacrament)

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Donation received _____

Entered to Register _____