



## We look forward to welcoming you!! St. Bernard's Pre-Baptism Mass and Preparation Gathering

Join with other parents who are presenting children for Baptism at our "family-friendly" Sunday 9:00 a.m. Mass, followed by refreshments and discussion in our Parish Center.

As part of St. Bernard's Baptism preparation program, parents will gather at one of our monthly Pre-Baptism Mass and Preparation Gatherings. You will sign up for this Gathering when you meet with a member of the parish staff to make arrangements for the Baptism.

### **Please note:**

- You are invited to attend the gathering with the child to be baptized, and any other children in your family. Godparents are also invited if they would like to attend. You will receive a reminder call a few days in advance to confirm the number of adults and children attending.
- Mass begins promptly at 9:00 a.m. **Please be sure to arrive in the church lobby no later than 8:45 a.m. so that you can sign in and be directed to your seats before Mass begins.** Leave yourself enough time to park and get your family to into the church on time.
- Please do not bring strollers, car seats, or other similar items into the church, as they obstruct the seats and the aisles. Your child loves to be carried and held!
- Look for a member of our Baptism team in the lobby; he or she will be wearing a red and white "Welcome" flower and will greet you and direct you to your seats.
- After Mass you will be welcomed to the Parish Center for some light refreshments. Parents from our parish Baptism team will speak with you about the joys and challenges of Christian parenting. The session will conclude at approximately 11:30.
- If you choose to bring young children with you, there will be a supervised activity area for them so they do not distract you from the conversation.
- **If you are unable to attend your scheduled gathering, please call us at 516-731-4220. We will re-schedule you for another date, even after the Baptism if necessary.**