



St. Mary's Parish
12 William Street, Newport RI 02840
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SCHEDULING INFORMATION:

Thank you for choosing to have your child baptized in the Catholic faith. There is no greater gift one can give their child than to have them baptized in the Roman Catholic Church of Jesus Christ. Please know of the prayers and support of St. Mary's parish for you and your family as you endeavor to raise your child in the Catholic faith.

Please read the following information and be sure to comply with each step in a timely manner.

1. Fill out and return completed baptism registration form.
2. Call St. Mary's office to schedule your baptism preparation class.
 - You are required to attend one Baptism preparation class prior to your child's baptism
 - Baptism preparation classes are generally held on the last Thursday of the month (with some exception) at 6:30pm. (See *Important Dates* link on website)
 - **Both parents must attend the class; Godparents are also strongly encouraged to attend.**
3. After completion of the class please call St. Mary's office to schedule your child's baptism date.
 - Starting in September 2021, all baptisms at St. Mary's will take place every other month on the second Sunday of the month – at 12:30pm. (following the 11:00am Sunday Mass) (See *Important Dates* link on website.)
 - On the day of Baptism, you and your family are strongly encouraged to attend the 11:00am Mass.
 - A donation of \$25 for the Baptism to St. Mary's is greatly appreciated.
4. Please also note:
 - Both sponsor certificates must be completed and received at least one week prior to the scheduled Baptism date.
 - During the actual moment that the child is being baptized, one person from the family may be designated to respectfully take pictures of the moment.
 - All other picture taking is to take place after the entire Baptism Rite is complete.
5. Please take the time to read the *Baptism Instruction* and the two articles on the importance of Godparents, *Secular vs Church Vision of Godparents* and Bishop Tobin's article *Without A Doubt Godparents: Helpers on the road of faith*.

Thank you and may God bless and protect you and your family!

Sincerely in Christ,
Father Brendan Rowley

