



## SAINT BRENDAN -THE NAVIGATOR- CATHOLIC CHURCH

Dear Parent,

We are delighted that you have chosen to have your child baptized at St. Brendan the Navigator. For your information:

- Baptisms are normally celebrated after the 4:00pm Mass on Saturday and after the 11:00am on Sunday.
- We do not celebrate baptisms during the season of Lent and on certain weekends of the year because of parish events. It is best to get on the schedule as soon as possible.
- Please let us know if you are expecting a large number of guests to attend the baptism. We sometimes get multiple requests for a particular time (especially around the holidays). We want to make sure everyone is accommodated.

Parents do not have to attend a class, but there are other things we need you to do. Also, there is some information that the Church requires.

**The baptism will be scheduled only after all the completed information is received by the parish office.** Unless the child is experiencing a medical emergency, a baptism is not scheduled for at least 10 days from the time the completed paperwork is received.

Here is a checklist of what is needed:

- The Baptism Information booklet completed
- The signed affidavit from each of your chosen godparents attesting that they meet the Church's requirement to fill the role of godparent. (You only need one godparent. If you want two godparents there must be one of each gender.)
- A copy of your child's birth certificate
- If you are registered in another Catholic parish, you must provide a letter from your Pastor giving his permission for the baptism to take place at St. Brendan.
- If you are not registered in a Catholic parish, and you live in Ormond Beach, you should register at St. Brendan.
- If the parents are not together, both parents must consent to the baptism unless there is a custody agreement giving one parent sole authority to provide for the spiritual welfare of the child. Contact the parish office for more details.

Instead of attending a parent class, we ask you to:

- Read the handouts in the enclosed packet
- View the videos *Fr. Robert Barron on the Sacrament of Baptism* and *Sacraments 101: Baptism (why we baptize)*. They are each 6-7 minutes long. These videos are posted on our parish web page (click on Sacraments>Baptism preparation). You can also search for them on Youtube.
- Pick the video you like best and send the link to the godparents (and anyone else who will be attending the ceremony) and ask them to view it too.

If you have any questions at any time contact Valeta Orlando by calling the parish office or emailing [vorlando@StBrendanChurchOrmond.org](mailto:vorlando@StBrendanChurchOrmond.org).

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