

St. Mary's Catholic Church

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BAPTISM REQUEST FORM

To schedule a Baptism, please fill out one form per child and return to secretary.

**Thank you for taking this step in welcoming your child to the Catholic Community.
We are happy to support you in this process.**

Full Name - Child to be Baptized _____ *Please check M F*

Date & Place of Birth _____

Was the child previously baptized (i.e. in another church, emergency)? N Y **Was the child adopted?** N Y

Baptism Date(s) & Time – please indicate your requested date and time preferences from options below.

A. *1st weekend - During Mass Celebration:* Sat. 5pm Sun. 8:45am Sun. 11:30am – DATE: ____/____/____

B. *3rd Sunday- Between Masses(10:00am) – DATE:* ____/____/____

C. *If option A and B are not feasible, special requests may be reviewed based on extenuating circumstance. Please outline requests for special arrangements outside of option A or B below **INCLUDING** your preferred DATE and TIME:*

Name of Clergy requested to celebrate Baptism _____

Family contact information

Are you currently registered with St. Mary's Parish? Yes No

If no, please contact our office for more information on how to register your family with STMB or contact your home parish office to request a Letter of Permission from your Pastor to be sent to the above mailing address.

Primary Mailing Address _____

Primary Phone Number(s) _____ **Primary Email Address** _____

Father's Full Name _____ **Religion of Father** _____

Mother's Full Name _____ **Religion of Mother** _____

Maiden Name _____ **Were you married in/or with permission of the Catholic Church?** N Y

Baptismal Prep Class Completed? No Yes **Where?** _____

If no, please register for one of the classes offered the 3rd Thursday of each month by calling 540-552-1091.

If yes, please submit copy of a certificate or letter to verify participation. Check here if you attended at STMB

Sponsor information: *There should be a godparent for the baptized insofar as this is possible. In infant baptism the godparent, together with the parents, presents the child for baptism and helps the baptized to lead the Christian life in harmony with baptism and to fulfill faithfully the obligations inherent to it. **There may be one godmother, OR one godfather OR one of each to proceed with scheduling a baptism. If there are two godparents, one must be male and the other female. A single godparent may be of either sex.***

GODMOTHER

GODFATHER

Godmother's Full Name:

Godfather's Full Name:

As a parent(s) preparing my child for Baptism in the Catholic Faith, I believe our intended Godmother:

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- Is a participating Roman Catholic.
- Is not the mother of the one to be baptized.
- Has attained the minimum age of sixteen years.
- Has received the three Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Holy Eucharist, and Confirmation.
- Worships regularly at Mass Sundays and Holy Days and gives witness to her faith in Jesus Christ by partaking in Holy Communion and by participating in the life of her parish.
- Actively strives to live out her commitment to Christ and to the Church by the sacrificial giving of her time, talent, and treasure, and by her loving response to her neighbor.
- Realizes that she assumes a great responsibility before God and the Church in becoming a Godparent. She promises to give support and guide my child by her prayers, and most especially, by her own Catholic example of her daily life.

- Is a participating Roman Catholic.
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Proxy

Is godmother represented by Proxy? No Yes
If a godparent cannot be present in person, she may appoint a proxy. Appointment should be made in writing before two witnesses and in such a way that there is certainty as to the person who takes the responsibility as godparent. On the record of baptism the names of both the godparent and proxy will be entered.

Proxy

Is godfather represented by Proxy? No Yes
If a godparent cannot be present in person, he may appoint a proxy. Appointment should be made in writing before two witnesses and in such a way that there is certainty as to the person who takes the responsibility as godparent. On the record of baptism the names of both the godparent and proxy will be entered.

Christian Witness: *(at least one sponsor must be Catholic)*

- *“Because of the close communion between the Catholic Church and separated Eastern churches, it is permissible that a member act as a godparent **together WITH a Catholic godparent.**”*
- *“For reasons based on ties of blood or friendship a Christian of another communion, since she has faith in Christ, may be **admitted WITH a Catholic godparent** as a Christian witness of the baptism.”*

Please indicate for Christian Witness

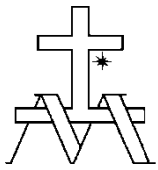
Denomination: _____

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Parent's Checklist
of documents
to schedule Baptism:

Please retain this checklist for your records.

- Baptism request form
- Proof of participation in a baptism preparation workshop
- A Sponsor Certificate Form or Letter of Good Standing from the proper Pastor for each Godparent

At least one Catholic Godparent in Good-standing must be arranged to schedule the baptism.

AND

If applicable:

- A current letter verifying the Christian Witness's Baptism from his/her pastor.
(Admitted along side the Godparent)

Other possible supplemental documents:

- Godparent's letter to appoint a proxy, signed by two witnesses.

**Please return the Baptism Request as soon as possible
in order to start the scheduling process.**

The secretary will notify the identified primary contact person
to confirm the baptism date, time and celebrant.

Any questions can be directed to:

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