



Parish Office
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Congratulations on the birth of your child! Our parish community rejoices with you at this great celebration of life. Baptism is more than a cultural event; it is a powerful witness of faith and the welcoming of your child into the community of faith. Throughout the baptismal ceremony, each of us is asked to reaffirm our faith in Christ and in the gift of His Church. At the celebration of the sacrament we hear "Receive the light of faith" and are handed a lighted candle to remind us of the gift we bear and the light of faith we are to each other in Christ's name. Parents and godparents, family and friends proclaim their solidarity as a family of faith in Christ Jesus. Your child will truly come to believe because of the way he or she sees this faith lived by those who surround him.

To aid in the preparation of your child's baptism, please review and complete the forms in this package:

1. A parish registration form (if you are new to the parish)
2. A baptismal information sheet
3. Sponsorship forms to be completed by each sponsor (godparent). Please note that each form must be signed and sealed from parish where the godparent is currently registered and is a participating church member. (If your godparents are active and registered members of our parish in North Attleborough, please note that on bottom of form in place of Pastor's signature. It is not necessary to get the signature, in that case only.)

Please review the information below to familiarize yourself with guidelines for Godparents; it is included to assist you in making this important decision.

The Roman Catholic Church requirements for Godparents are as follows:

- ⊕ A child must have one practicing Roman Catholic godparent in good standing with the Church.
- ⊕ This Catholic godparent must be at least 16 years old and be mature enough to understand, accept and carry out the duties of a godparent.
- ⊕ A godparent must have received the Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation.
- ⊕ A godparent must be living an exemplary life consistent with faith and morals as taught by the Roman Catholic Church.
- ⊕ A godparent must be actively practicing the faith.
- ⊕ A non-Catholic, baptized Christian may be chosen as a Christian Witness, as long as one godparent is Catholic.
- ⊕ If two godparents are chosen, they may not be of the same gender.
- ⊕ There may be no more than two godparents.
- ⊕ If both are Catholic, both must meet all the criteria above.

If you have not done so already, please contact the office to register for the baptismal preparation class. First time parents (and parents who have not taken the class here at in our Parish before) are asked to attend this class. Godparents are welcome to attend with the parents, but are not required to do so. If you have already taken the class here in preparation for the baptism of an older child, it is not necessary to repeat the catechesis). First time parents and parents new the parish are asked to review the Baptism Preparation packet which will be provided via email or mail to you upon registering for baptism.

Baptisms for Transfiguration of the Lord Parish will be held on Saturday afternoons in Saint Mary (14 Park Street) church. Families who have completed their registration form will be contacted regarding specific dates and time available for baptism. More information will be provided regarding group size and safety protocols during scheduling.

Please contact the office via email at stmaryna@noozi.com. Please be aware that there is no charge from the parish for the sacrament; however it is customary to give a free will offering directly to the priest or deacon who presides at the baptism. Please contact me at the above number with any questions you may have regarding this special event in the life of your family.

Sincerely,

Monica

Monica T. Forte
Administrative Assistant

Sacred Heart Church † Saint Mark Church
Saint Mary of the Immaculate Conception Church

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If you have previously attended a Preparation session, please indicate below:

Date of Baptism Preparation session : _____ Location (parish): _____

Do you have any concerns , requests or questions ?

Please return via email or by mail to:

Transfiguration of the Lord Parish
Attn: Monica Forte
14 Park Street
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or
direct email: stmaryna@noozi.com