



Transfiguration of the Lord Parish
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Dear parents,

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 process. During the COVID-19 pandemic, we are not offering in person classes. Please contact me via email to arrange for the materials we are using for preparation at this time. Baptisms are being scheduled with one family at a time, with a maximum of 24 people in attendance. All participants (with the exception of the baby) must wear a mask at all times. All baptisms are scheduled in the Saint Mary church building. For the month of August we are offering Saturday dates, as well as weekdays as available. We will pencil in a date and time for your child’s baptism and confirm once all your paperwork is returned to the office. 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

During the COVID-19 pandemic baptisms are scheduled on Saturday at 1:00 pm and 2:00 pm and weekdays as available. One family is scheduled per time slot. More information will be provided regarding group size and safety protocols during scheduling. Please contact the office via email at stmaryna@noozi.com

The date and location of your child's baptism will be confirmed by the parish office upon completion of all paperwork and preparation materials (when necessary).

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.

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
North Attleborough, Massachusetts 02760
or
direct email: stmaryna@noozi.com



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Baptism Sponsorship Questionnaire

Name of person to be a sponsor: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ email address: _____

Name of Baptismal Candidate: _____

Being a sponsor for baptism is more than an honorary title. For one who assumes the responsibility, the role of a sponsor means that you are living and practicing your Catholic faith by word and example. The rite of baptism asks sincerely, "Are you willing to help the parents of this child in the practice of the faith?" We ask that question sincerely. Are you able to say, "Yes"?

Requirements for the sponsor:

Please check the following:

- _____ I am a baptized Catholic
- _____ I have received the Sacrament of Confirmation
- _____ I attend weekend Mass regularly
- _____ OR I promise to attend Mass regularly

I am aware of the responsibilities I am asked to assume. In good conscience I can answer YES to each of the questions concerning sponsorship eligibility.

Please print your name: _____

Signature of sponsor: _____

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The following is to be filled out by the sponsor's parish priest:

Name of sponsor: _____ is a :

- _____ Registered member of this parish
- _____ Catholic in good standing
- _____ Regular participant at weekend Mass
- _____ Or Promises to attend weekend Mass regularly

Signature of Priest: _____

Date: _____

Parish: _____

(Please affix church seal here)