



SAINT JOSEPH PARISH
ORADELL/NEW MILFORD, NEW JERSEY

BAPTISM PROGRAM

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Dear Parents,

The celebration of infant baptism is a joyous occasion for that child's family and for the family of the Church. Baptism celebrates the fact that God loves us so much that God calls us to have a special, personal relationship with Him. A relationship so close that God claims us as His own and gives us the privilege of calling Him "Our Father!" Just as the birth of a child leads parents to reflect on the gift of human life, so the baptism of a child leads parents, and the whole parish, to reflect on this sacrament and what it means to be a part of God's Church.

Preparation Class takes place in the Upper Church on the Saturday listed on the schedule. The importance and meaning of the Sacrament of Baptism is explained. In addition, there is a rehearsal of what will take place during the Celebration of Baptism. Godparents are strongly encouraged to attend this session.

Celebration of Baptism Baptisms take place during 12 noon Sunday Mass and Baptism is celebrated during Mass because through the sacrament of baptism a child is made part of the Church, the community that gathers on Sunday. Christians are a Sunday people! Christ was raised to new life on Easter Sunday. The Risen Lord appeared to his disciples most often on a Sunday. The Holy Spirit descended upon the Church on Pentecost Sunday. Sunday is our day. Sunday is the day when people are born to new life as Christians through the sacrament of baptism. Baptisms are celebrated at 1:30 p.m. on the third Sunday of the month.

The requirements for being a godparent set by the Catholic Church are attached. Please review the requirements carefully as you consider a person to be the godparent for your child.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the parish secretary at 201-261-0148 or office@sjcnj.org.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Rev. Christian G. Scalo
Administrator

Rev. John Radwan
Parochial Vicar

Deacon George Montalvo
Director of Religious Education

PARISH REGISTRATION You must be a registered parishioner of Saint Joseph Parish to have your child baptized at our parish, unless arrangements are made with the priest. According to Church Law, sacraments can only be celebrated with those who are members of the parish community. You will be asked to provide your Parish Registration Number, which is found on your weekly envelopes. If you are not a registered parishioner, your **first step** is to contact the parish office, **201-261-0148**, to register with the parish.

Enclosed is the Baptism Schedule and Registration Form. Please complete the form and choose the dates for your class and baptism. Godparent Sponsor Certificate forms are due when you register for the Baptism Program.

Keep in mind that your child's godparent is a partner with you in the religious upbringing of your child. Therefore a godparent needs to be a Catholic in good standing with the Church. This means they must be a registered parishioner in a Catholic parish and attend mass regularly. The godparent must obtain and submit a letter or certificate of sponsorship from the parish where they are currently registered and attend Sunday Mass. This document states that the godparent is a practicing Catholic in good standing with the Church. The document must have the Parish Seal. Some parishes have a form and some write a letter. Sacrament records are not the required document.

A GODPARENT MUST COMPLY WITH THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS

- ◆ *Be at least 16 years of age and be persons who will share, support and help the child grow in his/her relations with God by their presence in the life of the child and by the witness of their Christian life.*
- ◆ *Be Roman Catholics who have received the sacraments of Baptism, Holy Eucharist and Confirmation;*
- ◆ *Be persons who participate in the spiritual life of the Catholic Church by weekly attendance at Sunday Mass and regular reception of the sacraments;*
- ◆ *If married, their marriage is recognized as valid by the Catholic Church;*
Note: This means--If the person was not married by a priest, the marriage is not recognized by the Church and that person may not be a godparent.
- ◆ *Godparents may be one male and one female; or just one male or just one female. You may not have two godparents of the same sex;*
- ◆ *A non-Catholic may be a Christian Witness; however that person must be a Christian, who was baptized "in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." Such a person is considered a Christian Witness. They will be designated as a Christian Witness in the Parish's Baptismal Register and on the Baptismal Certificate.*
Note: A Sponsor Certificate is not required for a non-Catholic Christian Witness.
- ◆ *Persons of the Jewish, Muslim, Hindu, Buddhist faith, etc, and non-believers **cannot** be godparents, since they obviously do not profess in Jesus Christ as their Savior and Lord, nor can they assist in passing on the Christian faith to the child being baptized.*



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SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM
PREPARATION PROGRAM REGISTRATION

PLEASE COMPLETE BOTH SIDES OF THIS FORM AND RETURN TO THE RECTORY
 ST. JOSEPH RECTORY + 105 HARRISON STREET + NEW MILFORD, NJ 07646

*This information will be used to produce your child's Baptism Certificate and added to your family record on the parish database
 TO AVOID ERROR PLEASE PRINT AS CLEARLY AS POSSIBLE*

HUSBAND'S INFORMATION	WIFE'S INFORMATION	FAMILY CONTACT INFORMATION
HUSBAND'S COMPLETE NAME <input type="text"/>	WIFE'S COMPLETE NAME <input type="text"/>	HOME ADDRESS <input type="text"/>
	WIFE'S MAIDEN NAME <input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
HUSBAND'S RELIGION <input type="text"/>	WIFE'S RELIGION <input type="text"/>	HOME PHONE <input type="text"/>
HUSBAND'S WORK PHONE <input type="text"/>	WIFE'S WORK PHONE <input type="text"/>	FAMILY E-MAIL ADDRESS <input type="text"/>
HUSBAND'S CELL PHONE <input type="text"/>	WIFE'S CELL PHONE <input type="text"/>	

BAPTISMAL INFORMATION

NAME OF CHILD BEING BAPTIZED

IS THIS YOUR FIRST CHILD BEING BAPTIZED?

CHILD'S DATE OF BIRTH

CHILD'S PLACE OF BIRTH - CITY AND STATE

DATE OF THE BAPTISM

TIME OF THE BAPTISM

CELEBRANT OF THE BAPTISM

GODPARENT INFORMATION

GODFATHER INFORMATION	
GODFATHER	<input type="text"/>
RELIGION	<input type="text"/>
CHRISTIAN WITNESS	<i>If non-Catholic, no forms required.</i>
SPONSOR FORM	<input type="text"/>

GODMOTHER INFORMATION	
GODMOTHER	<input type="text"/>
RELIGION	<input type="text"/>
CHRISTIAN WITNESS	<i>If non-Catholic, no forms required.</i>
SPONSOR FORM	<input type="text"/>

EMERGENCY/PREVIOUS BAPTISM
 Was this child **previously baptized** due to an emergency or other type of situation? Yes No
 Circumstances: *If yes, please submit a brief description of the circumstances, including date, celebrant and location. If a certificate was issued, please submit a copy.*

**Sponsor Form for each
 Catholic Godparent
 must be submitted with this form.**

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 ARE YOU REGISTERED IN PARISH? NO YES PARISH REGISTRATION NUMBER

NON-PARISHIONER REQUEST
 If you are a parishioner of another parish, and wish to have your child baptized at Saint Joseph Parish, you must obtain permission from both the pastor of your parish and the pastor of St. Joseph Parish.
 Please attach the letter of permission from the pastor of the parish you are currently registered with.
 _____ Permission granted from the pastor of St. Joseph Church
 _____ Permission granted from the pastor their parish