

Dear Parents,

We are pleased to assist you in preparing for the Baptism of your child. **Baptism Catechesis Class is given on the first Friday of each month at 7:00 pm in the Rectory Meeting Room.** Please call 508-875-5959 to sign up for this class if you have not already done so.

Please find enclosed a green form entitled: “Baptismal Data Sheet.” **We ask that you fill out this form beforehand, and return it to the Rectory in the enclosed envelope by the first of the month.**

You will also find enclosed the Godparent affidavit forms. Godparents who wish to be a sponsor for Baptism should have this form completed by their pastor and stamped with the parish seal. **Godparents need to be practicing Catholics, in good standing in the Church and have already received the Sacrament of Confirmation.** These forms must also be returned to the rectory by the first of the month..

On the “Baptismal Data Sheet”, parents must list the Church and the date of their marriage. If they were not married in a Catholic Church before a Catholic Priest, or if they were married by a Justice of the Peace, or before some other Minister without the involvement of a Catholic Priest, one of our priests must be contacted at 508-875-5959 to discuss the situation prior to your child’s Baptism. Since the Rite of Baptism states **“Parents are the first and best teachers of their children in the ways of the faith,”** it is important that they teach **BY EXAMPLE.**

Baptisms take place on the 3rd Sunday of each month. The Sacrament is administered to children of registered parishioners. If you are not registered, we will be please to send a “Registration Form” to you. We will consider exceptions to this.

We rejoice with you over the birth of your child! May God continue to bless you and your family.

Sincerely your sin Christ,

(Rev. Msgr.) Francis V. Strahan
Pastor

BAPTISMAL DATA SHEET

(Date of Baptism)

(Last Name Only)

Name of Child _____
(Last Name) (First Name) (Middle Name)

Residence of Parents _____ Phone _____

Date and Place of Child's Birth: _____ Place _____
(Date) (City/Town)

Father's Name _____ Religion _____
(Last) (First) (Initial)

Mother's MAIDEN Name _____ Religion _____
(Last) (First) (Initial)

Name of Church Where Married: _____
(Name) (City/Town)

Other? Explain: _____

THE GODPARENTS

The Godparents must be practicing Catholics and they must have received the Sacrament of Confirmation. Their role is more than just honorary. It constitutes a serious responsibility on their part to make sure that their Godchild is brought up in the Catholic faith.

Godfather's Name _____ Religion _____

Godmother's Name _____ Religion _____

Is either Godparent being represented by a Proxy? _____ Yes _____ No

If so, indicate the name of the person standing in for a Godparent:

_____ Religion _____
(Name)

Was this child previously baptized, e.g. in an emergency? _____ Yes _____ No

If so, where? _____ And by whom? _____

Are you, as a family, registered in St. Bridget's Parish? _____ Yes _____ No

It is customary, on this occasion, to make a donation toward the cost of the Baptismal Robe, the Baptismal Candle (both of which you keep) and the Baptismal Booklet.