



## Baptism of Children

Holy Trinity Parish celebrates Baptisms after the 11AM Mass on the first and third Sunday of each month. Please call the Rectory Office at 508-432-4000 to schedule.

### **PARENTS**

Ordinarily, the parents of the child to be baptized are members of Holy Trinity Parish. If you are not and live in the area, you are invited to register and become active in our parish family. If you live elsewhere and wish to have your child baptized here, we will need a letter of permission from your home parish and confirmation that you have received pre-Baptism instructions.

### **GODPARENTS**

You will need to select at least one qualified Godparent or sponsor. There are normally two Godparents, one man and one woman.

Who can be a Godparent?

- Must be over 16 years old.
- If Catholic, must be confirmed.
- If married, must be in a valid marriage.
- A baptized Christian can be a Christian Witness to the Baptism (no sponsorship certificate required).
- Non-baptized individuals or members of non-Christian religions cannot be Godparents.

It is possible to have one “Catholic Sponsor” and one “Christian Witness.” A Christian witness is a person who is baptized in another Christian denomination. We commonly refer to both as Godparents. A Christian Witness does not need to supply a sponsorship certificate.

A close friend or family member who is not a baptized Christian does not qualify to be a Godparent. This applies also to a Catholic who is not confirmed or one who is currently in a marriage not recognized by the Catholic Church.

### **DONATIONS**

There is no fee for a Baptism. If you would like to make a donation to the Church, place it in an envelope with the child’s name on it and give it to the presider the day of the Baptism.