



## Church of St. Mary

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### BAPTISMAL PREPARATION FOR INFANTS AND CHILDREN

The staff and members of St. Mary's Parish are excited for you as you anticipate the baptism of your child! The baptism of your child is a sacred and significant decision you have made. You, as the parents, and the godparents as well, if possible, are invited to attend an evening session to assist you in preparing for this very special day in your child's life, and in the life of your whole family.

Deacon Jim Tobin and representatives from the parish will be present to share with you:

- The significance and meaning of the Sacrament of Baptism
- Signs and symbols of Baptism
- The Rite of Baptism

Your child's baptism is a time for celebration and joy! We look forward to sharing all of this joy with you!

#### Baptismal Calendar

- Baptisms are on the Second Sunday of each month, except during Lent.
- Baptismal preparation is on the First Tuesday of the month by appointment

Please call the Rectory to schedule an appointment with Father Paul Cannariato (201)768-7565.

#### Godparents

Godparents are role models for your child to emulate besides yourselves. This is not something godparents just do for the day. There is a "sacramental" relationship of faith to be there in the child's "growing up." The godparents are visible to the child and supportive throughout their life. Prayerfully consider who you want them to be. Choose them because of their practice of the faith and love of the church, and their inspiration to you. Baptismal preparation is on the First Tuesday of the month by appointment.