



Dear Friends,

Congratulations and welcome as you prepare for the baptism of your child. We look forward to the baptism of your child here at St. Ann's Church. It is a privilege for us to assist you in making the baptismal day one filled with meaning, prayerfulness and happiness. May God the source of everything fill your heart with every blessing.

Preparation for baptism:

1. Please bring required documents, if applicable, as follows:
 - a) Copy of Birth Certificate
 - b) Letter of permission from your parish, if you are not a Parishioner at St. Ann's.
 - c) Sponsor Certificate for godparents, when necessary.
2. Select a godparent. At least one catholic godparent is necessary.
 - a) A godparent is a catholic who is in good standing with the Church, Practices the faith and has been baptized and confirmed.
If married, he/she should be married in the Church.
 - b) A person from another faith/religion may not serve as a godparent. However, when there are two godparents (one of them a Catholic) A person from another Christian faith may serve as a Christian-Witness to the baptism.
3. Please attend Pre-Baptismal instruction which is held every first Sunday at 2:15PM in the Church.
4. For your convenience, an envelope for your Baptism donation is provided.

5. The Sacrament of Baptism is generally celebrated as follows:
 - a) Every 2nd and 4th Sunday at 2:30PM
 - b) Every 1st and 3rd Saturday at 12:30PM
 - c) Every 5th Sunday of the month during the 12:00PM Mass
 - d) No baptisms are scheduled during Lent and on certain Holy Days
6. Each year we celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving for the newly baptized children and their families. This takes place in the Spring and the date is published in the parish bulletin.
7. We also celebrate a Mass for Pre-School age children and their families. This takes place in the Fall and the date is published in the bulletin.

God's blessings to you in the weeks ahead. If we can be of further assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact one of us at the rectory.

Sincerely,

Priests & Staff

St. Ann Church

5/2013

The baptism of _____
is scheduled on _____
The baptism instruction date is _____