



## Celebrating Infant Baptism Rev. 11-10-23

**Congratulations!! Please review these guidelines for Parents and Godparents:**

### **Parents are invited to:**

1. **Schedule your family meeting** with Infant Baptism Coordinator, Lee Hulburt: email [lee@saintbrigidparish.org](mailto:lee@saintbrigidparish.org). **I'll reply to set up a brief Zoom meeting, to meet your family and discuss all the details.**
2. Become registered parishioners of St. Brigid Church (or another parish). Reach out directly to [music@saintbrigidparish.org](mailto:music@saintbrigidparish.org).
3. **Attend Baptism Orientation** prior to the actual baptism ceremony; offered *every other month*. The next virtual orientation will be **January 30, 2024, from 6 -7pm**, via Zoom. Please [register online](#) and I will send the Zoom meeting link. (If you will or have already attended baptism preparation at *another parish*, please share those details/certificate with me in your email.)

### **Godparent Essentials:**

1. **\*Eligibility:** A godparent must be a practicing Catholic who has received all their sacraments of initiation through confirmation, and aged 16 or older. If godparent(s) is/are married, **the marriage was in the Catholic Church**. \* A non-Catholic, baptized Christian from another faith tradition may serve as a Christian witness along with the Catholic godparent.
2. Godparents who are non-parishioners of St. Brigid Parish *will need a letter from their parish priest confirming their eligibility to be a godparent*. **Contact your parish to initiate the request well in advance**. If unregistered, please contact Lee Hulburt, to discuss your situation.
3. Attend a **Baptism Preparation Orientation**. See #3 above for upcoming dates offered at St. Brigid. If attending preparation at another parish, *please obtain pastor letter and certificate from that parish for our records*.
4. Only one eligible godparent is necessary; if two godparents are chosen, *one should be male and one female*. (A non-Catholic baptized Christian witness may also participate.) **Continue to page 2 for scheduling information-**



### **Other important Information:**

We encourage celebrating baptism during the Sunday Masses, which includes the 5:30pm evening Mass on Saturdays as well. Celebrating this wellspring sacrament within the assembled faithful is quite joyful and embodies the joy and growth in the Body of Christ!

As a COVID accommodation, we continue to offer single family baptisms on Saturday mornings at 10am (as available) and Sundays at 12:15pm, after the 11am Mass concludes.

**Only one family will celebrate baptism at a time** and godparents unable to travel may be represented by a Christian proxy. Please discuss this in advance. Families may choose to FaceTime or Zoom their child's baptism (only *outside of Mass*) in order for godparents to be included.

While there is not set fee for a baptism, it is customary to make a [generous offering to the parish in gratitude](#). It is appropriate to offer a modest token of appreciation for the priest or deacon celebrant as well separately.

Please let me know if you have questions about sacrament preparation for parents and godparents, and your thoughts about desired scheduling. Thank you for your flexibility and congratulations to your family!

**Lee Hulburt**

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