

## **BAPTISM REQUIREMENTS ST. GABRIEL CHURCH**

Thank you for considering having your child baptized at St. Gabriel Church. Baptisms are celebrated on most Sundays at 11:30 AM or 12:30 PM. Baptisms by their nature are communal and a public declaration of the faith; you may be scheduled with other families who will be celebrating the sacrament. If your child is older than age six, please call the Parish Center for information on OCIC (Order of Christian Initiation of Children).

**Baptism classes:** In order for you to baptize your child at St. Gabriel Church, parents must take a Baptismal Preparation Class. Classes will be scheduled by our Deacon at his discretion. Please contact Deacon John Hurst at 650-753-4433 or [Hurst39@gmail.com](mailto:Hurst39@gmail.com) when you are ready to schedule the required class. If you have already taken the class here within the last five years you do not need to take another class. If you have taken the class at another parish, please provide documentation.

**Parents:** Parents must be active, registered parishioners of St. Gabriel Church or live within the parish boundaries. **If you do not live within the parish boundaries, you must provide a letter from your neighborhood parish stating that you have permission to baptize your child at St. Gabriel.**

**Godparents:** Only one Godparent is required. If there are two, one must be male and one female. They must be a practicing Catholic at least 16 years of age that has received Baptism, First Communion, and Confirmation. If they are married, the marriage must be recognized in the Roman Catholic Church as valid. A baptized person who belongs to a non-Catholic Christian faith may be a witness but only with a Catholic Godparent. **Godparents must attend a Baptismal Preparation Class and provide a certificate of proof and must sign the Sponsor Covenant Form.**

**Birth Certificate:** A copy of your child's birth certificate must be attached to your Baptismal Request Form.

There is a suggested \$100 donation for administrative fees that can be paid at the time of the baptism. You may also choose to include a separate honorarium for the priest or deacon who performs the sacrament, but it is not required.

**We must receive all necessary paperwork before any baptism date can be scheduled or confirmed.**

This is a joyous occasion for your family, and we are happy to help you in any way we can. If you have any further questions, feel free to call the Parish Center at 415-731-6161.