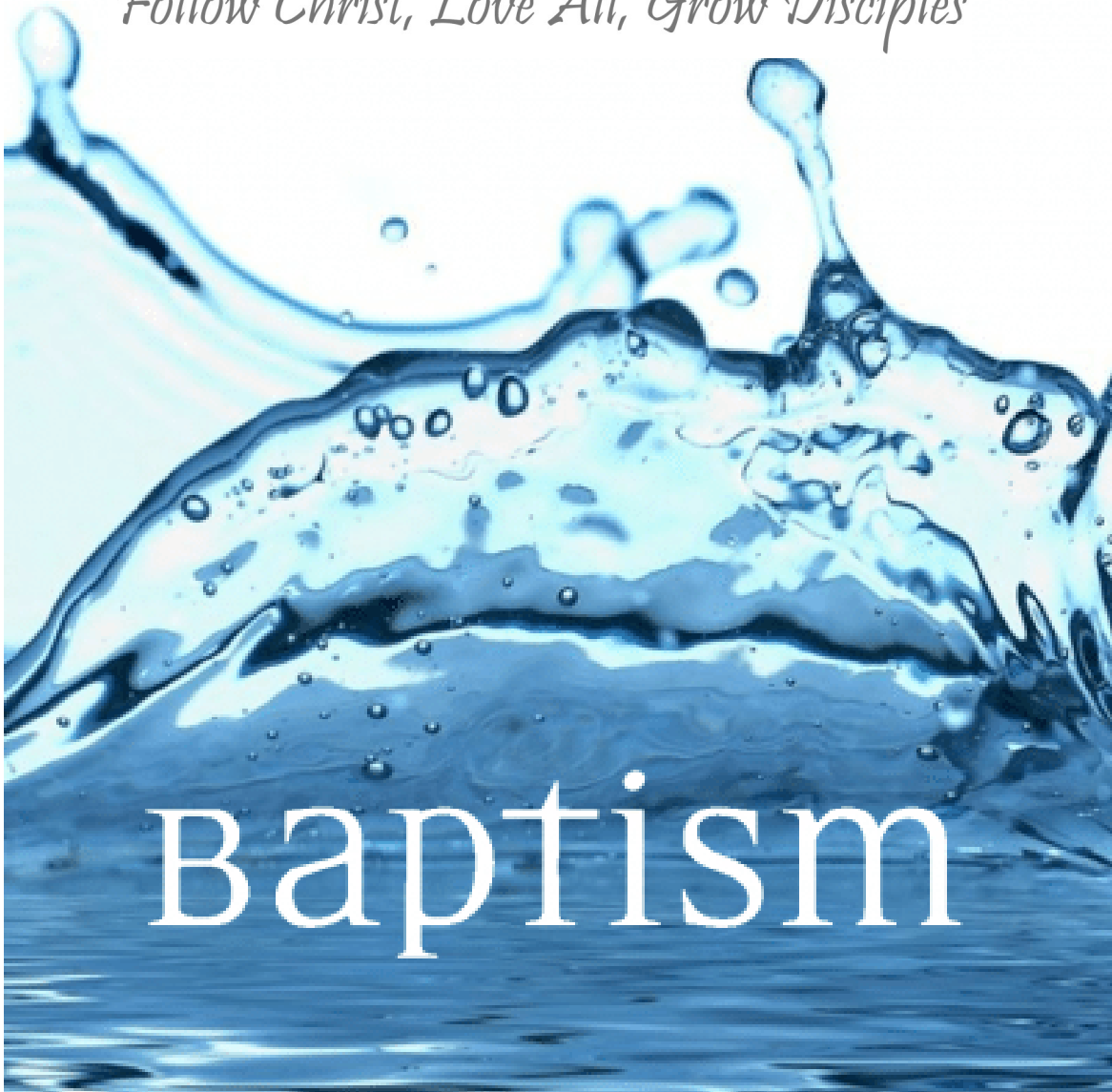




Church of the Holy Eucharist

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Baptism



Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these ~Matthew 19:14"

Dear Parents,

We would like to thank you for asking us to be a part of this very special day in the life of your family, the Baptism of your child. Over the years, our church has developed special liturgies for the celebration of baptism. Our present ceremonies came from the liturgical reforms of the Vatican II Council that established the baptism ceremony as a community event. You will have the opportunity to gather with other families of our congregation and together, you will be able to share this unique expression of our faith in Jesus. This Sacrament celebrates the entrance of your child into the Catholic Faith. It will set forever the way your child thinks of himself/herself in terms of his/her relationship with God.

Please take a moment and read through the information we have provided in this booklet. We hope it will answer many of your questions. If there is something that is not here, please do not hesitate to call the parish office. You may bring your questions to the Baptismal Preparation class and members of our Baptismal Committee will be happy to help you.

On behalf of our Baptismal Committee, the entire Holy Eucharist Parish Family and myself we would like to express our joy at receiving your child into our Christian community. We wish you and your family a healthy, happy and God-filled life together.

Father Michael McClane
Pastor

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A Parent's Prayer

*Loving God,
You are the giver of all we possess,
the source of all of our blessings.
We thank and praise you.*

Thank you for the gift of our children.

*Help us to set boundaries for them,
and yet encourage them to explore.
Give us the strength and courage to treat
each day as a fresh start.*

*May our children come to know you, the one true God,
and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent.*

*May your Holy Spirit help them to grow
in faith, hope, and love,
so they may know peace, truth, and goodness.*

*May their ears hear your voice.
May their eyes see your presence in all things.
May their lips proclaim your word.
May their hearts be your dwelling place.
May their hands do works of charity.
May their feet walk in the way of Jesus Christ,
your Son and our Lord.*

Amen.



Baptism at Holy Eucharist

From the earliest days, baptism was a community affair. The institution of the sacrament brought together the faith community into which the adult or child was to be baptized. Your child will be baptized along with other children of our parish.

We have outlined some information about the actual process leading up to the baptismal ceremony. Hopefully, this will answer any questions you may have and will help you prepare for this important celebration.

- If you have not already talked to a member of the parish office staff and registered your child for Baptism on a specific date please go to our website at <http://holyeucharist.org/baptism> or call us at 609 268-8383 ext. 100.
- In this booklet, you will find a listing of the Baptism dates and a list of the baptismal preparation class dates. Parents are required to attend a preparation class before the chosen baptism date. If parents do not attend the class before the scheduled baptism, your baptism ceremony will have to be postponed until you have attended the class. Godparents are encouraged but not required to attend the class with you.
- The regulations for being a Godparent are somewhat firm and generally are the same in all parishes statewide.
 - * It is expected that each child will have two Godparents, one male and one female. One of the Godparents must be a Catholic in good standing with their parish.
 - * That each Godparent must be at least 16 years old and have received the Sacrament of Confirmation.
 - * If married, the Godparents are in a valid Catholic Marriage, i.e., married either by a priest or deacon or with permission of the Church.
 - * That the Godparent is a registered member of a Catholic Church, attends church and receives the Sacraments regularly.

The Godparent will be required to obtain a letter of eligibility verifying that he/she is a member of a Catholic Church. This document is to be presented no later than two weeks before the Baptism.

- Baptism can take place either on a designated Sunday afternoon, or during a specifically scheduled Sunday Mass other than on the Sunday of regularly scheduled baptisms. (If you choose Baptism during a Sunday Mass we encourage you to choose Immersion.)
- Your child can be baptized in the traditional manner of the celebrant pouring water of the child's forehead at the moment of Baptism, or by Immersion in the heated baptismal font. Immersion means that whomever you have selected to hold your child for Baptism, immerses the child only up to his/her chest. The head is never placed under the water. Full immersion baptisms must be registered in advance since the heater takes 24 hours to warm the water.
- If you choose baptism by immersion for your child, we recommend that you dress the child in clothing that is easily removed. After your child is baptized, you will have an opportunity to dress him/her in other clothing, if your wish.
- There are no specific guidelines for who holds the baby during the moment of baptism. You may be guided by your own family history and traditions.
- The baptism takes place at the Baptismal Font located at the entrance of the church. This reminds us that your child is entering into the Catholic faith and must first go through the Sacrament of Baptism in order to enter as a member.
- The baptism ceremony is informal and we attempt to organize it as a family event. Sometimes additional chairs are needed in the atrium and your family may be asked to help move them. Members of the Baptismal Committee will be in church to welcome you and your family and help in preparing you for the ceremony.
- You will be given a baptismal candle for use during the ceremony and to take home with you as a remembrance of the day.
- There is no set fee for the baptism but a donation to the church will be gratefully accepted. We are asked what guidelines are used to determine the amount of this donation. The average is between \$20 and \$50. You may give this to the celebrant or a member of the baptismal committee when you pick up your baptismal certificate after the service. Please make checks out to Holy Eucharist Parish.

The addition of a new baby brings about many changes in a family. Times can be very hectic as a result. Please be assured that we will make this experience of church and the Sacrament of Baptism as positive as possible. Whether you are a regular church member or someone whose involvement in the church has been less than regular, all are welcome. We look forward to being a part of special event in your lives.



Baptism Prep Classes

2024

Baptism preparation classes are held on a Friday evening once a month at 7:00 pm. The classes are held in the Atrium (by the baptismal font), the Children of Terezin room or the Thomas Merton room and last approximately 1-1 1/2 hours. To register for a class please email jfenton@holyeucharist.org or call the parish office at 609 268 8383 Ext 100.

January 19, 2024

February 23, 2024

March 22, 2024

April 19, 2024

May 24, 2024

June 21, 2024

July 26, 2024

August 23, 2024

September 20, 2024

October 11, 2024

November 22, 2024

December 13, 2024



Baptism Dates 2024

Baptism are usually held on the second Sunday of the month at 1:00 pm unless otherwise noted. Baptisms can be scheduled for mass on any available weekend mass. Also, please note that baptisms at mass are encouraged to be immersion.

January 14, 2024

February 18, 2024

March 10, 2024

April 14, 2024

May 5, 2024

June 23, 2024

July 14, 2024

August 11, 2024

September 8, 2024

October 13, 2024

November 10, 2024

December 8, 2024

Our Parish Community

We as a parish community welcome you , and perhaps, in a sense, have been waiting for you! We believe that every person who comes into this special community of faith has the power to reveal God's presence. We most sincerely hope that you will find God's presence among the many people who are part of this community. Above all else, we are glad you are here and we are excited to share with you the marvelous ways in which God is working in our parish.

Mass Schedule

Saturday Evening Vigil: 5:00pm

Sunday: 8:30am & 10:30am—livestreamed at holyeucharist.org

Kidzone for ages 2-5 and Time Travelers (Children's Liturgy of the Word) for grades Kindergarten – 5th offered September Through May

Weekday Mass: 9:00am (except Tuesday & Saturday)

Tuesdays: 9:00am - Communion Service

Eucharistic Adoration: Wednesdays 9:30 am - 4:00 pm

(FROM MEMORIAL DAY TO LABOR DAY ADORATION ENDS WITH BENEDICTION AT 4:00pm).

Holy Days: 9:00am & 7:00pm

Miraculous Medal Novena: Monday 9:30 am

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