



The Parish Community of Our Lady of the Angels

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The Parish Community of Our Lady of the Angels is happy to welcome your new baby!

Baptisms: Please contact the parish office to make arrangements.

If you choose godparents who do not belong to Our Lady of the Angels Parish, they must obtain a certificate of eligibility from their church. This certificate must be attached to the birth certificate when you return it to us.

If you choose a godparent who belongs to Our Lady of the Angels, please designate that on the form so that we may check our records for eligibility. Canon law requires a minimum of one Catholic godparent in good standing for a baptism. If we do not receive a certificate of eligibility for the other godparent, that name will not appear on the baptism certificate.

It is mandatory that the parents attend a Pre-Baptism Class prior to the Baptism – and we urge the godparents to attend also. Our pre-baptismal classes are every first Thursday of the month at 7:00PM. When we are in receipt of the fully completed form and necessary attachments, we will contact you to schedule the Baptism.



Parent Letter

Dear Parents,

Congratulations on the birth of your child and on your child's upcoming baptism!

If you choose sponsors who are not parishioners of Our Lady of the Angels, they must obtain a Certificate of Eligibility from their parish. If you choose sponsors who are parishioners of Our Lady of the Angels, please indicate this on the form so that we may verify their eligibility. If we do not receive a certificate of eligibility, the names of the sponsors cannot be recorded in the sacramental record and the baptismal certificate. Church law requires at least one sponsor for baptism. The enclosed materials outline the requirements which must be met by individuals in order to qualify as sponsors.

It is mandatory that both parents baptizing their first child attend a Pre-Baptism Class. Sponsors are asked to attend as well. These classes are held once a month on Thursdays at 7:00 PM in the Faith Formation Center and run approximately one hour.

The role of godparent is different and more active than most people think. Indeed, godparents serve a special role in the baptism of a child, but also in the life of that child going forward. Godparents are the representatives of the Catholic Christian community, the Church. Godparents are responsible for assisting you, parents, in raising your child in the faith. Godparents must exhibit in their lives a dedication to Jesus Christ, to the Church, and to the faith. They are to assist you in raising your child in the faith so that your child may profess that same faith as an adult.

To summarize, here are the basic guidelines to selecting godparents for your child. A godparent must be:

- At least 16 years of age
- Have been fully initiated into the Church themselves (specifically, they must have been baptized, have received their first communion, and have been confirmed.)
- Be someone other than the parents or legal guardians of the child to be baptized.
- Be living the Catholic faith (for example, attendance at Mass on Sundays and Holy Days, fidelity to the teachings of the Church, be in a marriage recognized by the Church)

If you choose two godparents, one must be a man, the other a woman as they are to be true 'parents' to your child in the ways of faith.

You may have one non-Catholic assist at the Baptism as a witness in place of one of the godparents.

Please call to 609-695-6089 for more information.