

Name of Parent(s)/Guardian(s):

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Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsors:

1) \_\_\_\_\_  
First Name Last name

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2) \_\_\_\_\_  
First Name Last name

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3) \_\_\_\_\_  
First Name Last name

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# The Sacrament of Holy Baptism (Children)



The Church of the Holy Family  
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### What is Baptism?

Baptism is the sacrament of initiation by which a person becomes a Christian member of the Church, which is the body of Christ. Baptism marks the beginning of the life of Christian faith by admitting one to the other Sacraments of the church. On the outside we see water and hear the priest baptize “in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.” What we don’t see is the inward spiritual grace of what God is calling and empowering the candidate to do and be.

### Who may be baptized?

Any child where at least one parent is also baptized according to the rites of the Church. For infants and children who obviously are unable to make a conscious choice of repentance and faith, there is a clear understanding in the Anglican Church that they will be brought up to follow Jesus Christ and reject evil as an active part of the community of faith.

### Should I (we) attend church on a regular basis?

It is understood that when a person(s) seek baptism for themselves for their child, they are also looking for the grounding in faith which can only come through the community-who also make vows to help the candidate grow in faith. Though a person may not be refused baptism who does not desire regular attendance afterwards, we cannot emphasize enough the benefits of being part of the community.

### What are sponsors?

Traditionally called “godparents,” a sponsor is another baptized person who acts as a spiritual guide, assisting the candidate in the development of faith. They can be a relative, family or friend. A sponsor will also be selected from the parish to represent the church community.

### Is there preparation time?

Yes. Persons desirous of Baptism for their child will meet with Fr. Rylan in an inquiry stage. If all parties are desirous to continue the process, a series of five classes will begin during which the child will be enrolled as a Candidate and presented to the congregation. For the most part these classes will take place on consecutive Sunday mornings. Due to the nature of the vows it is expected that parents/guardians will participate in the worshipping community during this process. There is mandatory rehearsal the Saturday before the Baptism.

### Baptismal Dates

Child baptisms take place on the Feasts of the Baptism of the Lord (January), and the Feast of All Saints (November).

## Registration

Name of Candidate (in full): Please print clearly

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Gender            M            F            *(please circle)*

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Place of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

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Siblings

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_