

BAPTISMAL INFORMATION FORM

Date & Time: _____

☐ **Most Holy Trinity Campus**☐ **Church of the Resurrection Campus**☐ **Our Lady of Fatima Campus**Child's Name: _____
First Middle Last

Address: _____ Email: _____

City/Zip: _____ Phone Number: Home: _____ Cell: _____

Child's Date of Birth: _____ Place of Birth: _____
Month Day Year City State

Father's Name: _____

Father's Religion: _____

Mother's Name (including Maiden): _____
First Maiden Last

Mother's Religion: _____

Church & Place of Marriage (City): _____

Has the Birth Certificate been received and included? _____ Yes _____ No

Does the child live with both parents? _____ Yes _____ No

If no, do you have legal guardianship? _____ Yes _____ No

Has the child been previously baptized? _____ Yes _____ No

Is your child adopted or do you have legal guardianship? _____ Yes _____ No

Do both parents give consent to have your child baptized? Father (_____ Yes _____ No) Mother (_____ Yes _____ No)

Godfather's Name: _____

Religion: _____ Parish (& City): _____

Godmother's Name: _____

Religion: _____ Parish (& City): _____

OFFICE USE ONLY:

Have the parents previously attended a Pre-Baptismal Program? _____ Yes _____ No

If no, when are the parent(s) to attend the Pre-Baptismal Program Date: _____

If yes, date of Pre-Baptismal Program _____

Sponsor Certificates needed for Godfather: _____ Yes _____ No Godmother: _____ Yes _____ No

Received: _____ Yes _____ No Received _____ Yes _____ No

Date information was taken: _____

Person taking information: _____

Recorded in Baptismal Register by: _____ Page number and line recorded on: _____

Date Recorded in Baptismal Register: _____ Baptized by: _____

SAINT BENEDICT of Nursia Parish

Most Holy Trinity Church: 84 North Colony Street, Wallingford, CT
Our Lady of Fatima Church: 382 Hope Hill Road, Yalesville, CT
Church of the Resurrection: 115 Pond Hill Road, Wallingford, CT
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Tel: 203-269-8791, Fax: 203-269-0880
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+ THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM +

Congratulations on the birth of your child! The Saint Benedict of Nursia Parish family extends its warm wishes and prayers as you prepare to have your child baptized into the Roman Catholic Church. The priests and deacons of the parish are here to assist you in this process. Any practicing Catholic who is a registered member of Saint Benedict of Nursia Parish can have his or her child baptized here.

These are the documents in the packet:

- Baptism Information Form.
- Guidelines for choosing Sponsors (Godparents).
- Godparents/Sponsors what is expected of them.
- Baptism offering Envelope.

If the sponsor is not a member of Saint Benedict of Nursia Parish, he or she must present a **Sponsor Certificate** from the parish at which he or she is registered. Sponsor Certificates are then brought to our parish office as soon as possible.

If the sponsor is a member of Saint Benedict of Nursia Parish, he or she must contact our parish office at (203) 269-8791 as soon as possible for instructions to obtain a Sponsor Certificate.

SCHEDULING A DATE FOR BAPTISM

The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated as follows:

- Church of the Resurrection (in English), 1st Saturday of the month at 12:00 p.m.
- Most Holy Trinity Campus (in English), 2nd Saturday of the month at 12:00 p.m.
- Most Holy Trinity Campus (in Spanish), 4th Saturday of the month at 12:00 p.m.
- Our Lady of Fatima Campus by appointment.

To schedule a date for Baptism, four (4) requirements must be met:

1. You have attended the Pre-Baptism Program.
2. You have completed and submitted the Registration Form for Infant Baptism.
3. You have submitted the signed sponsor certificates for Godparents.
4. You have submitted a copy of the child's birth certificate.

A date will not be scheduled for your child's Baptism until these requirements are met. **There is a limit of six (6) children that can be baptized on any given Saturday**, so completing the requirements quickly and well in advance will ensure that you can schedule the date you would like before it fills up.

BAPTISMAL PREPARATION PROGRAM

Parents of children to be baptized at Saint Benedict of Nursia Parish must attend the **Baptismal Preparation Catechesis**, which is held using ZOOM. This is an Archdiocesan requirement for parents having children baptized in the Catholic Church. Parents and godparents must attend a baptism preparation class. The program will consist of an explanation of the Sacrament of Baptism, as well as an overview of the Baptismal Ceremony.

AN OFFERING IN GRATITUDE TO GOD

Although there is no set fee for the Celebration of the Sacrament of Baptism, an offering to Saint Benedict of Nursia Parish should be considered. A special envelope is provided for this offering. Although an offering is practical in the sense that it helps defray costs, it is also symbolic as it bespeaks a commitment to the Church and your thanksgiving to God. *We need to emphasize that this is an offering to the Parish, not a payment for services rendered to the Priest or Deacon Baptizing your child.*

These guidelines for Baptism at Saint Benedict of Nursia Parish are based on the guidelines established by the Archdiocese of Hartford and are not meant to be restrictive or punitive. They are meant to ensure us that the Faith will be passed on in a proper and healthy way. Baptism is a commitment to Christ and His Church. We are willing to work with you to help you accomplish what is necessary to create the proper environment for your child's life in the Catholic Faith.

May the Lord continue to bless you and your family during this grace-filled time.

Reverend Andrés Mendoza Floyd, Pastor
Reverend Colin Lane, Parochial Vicar
Reverend Joseph Devine
Deacon Joseph Mazurek, Permanent Deacon
Deacon José Robles, Permanent Deacon
Deacon John Esterheld, Permanent Deacon

Guidelines for Choosing Sponsors (Godparents) for the Sacrament of Baptism

From the Canonical Laws of the Catholic Church

Canon 872: In so far as it is possible, a person being baptized is to be assigned a sponsor. In the case of an adult baptism, the sponsor's role is to assist the person in Christian Initiation. In the case of an infant baptism, the role is, together with the parents to present the child for baptism, and to help him/her to live a Christian life befitting the baptized and faithfully fulfill the duties inherent in baptism.

Canon 873: One sponsor, male or female, is sufficient; but there may be two, one of each sex.

Note: Simply put, this means there cannot be "two godmothers" or "two godfathers"; if there are two, one must be male and the other female.

Canon 874:

Paragraph 1 – To be admitted to undertake the office of sponsor, a person must:

#1- Be appointed by the candidate for baptism, or by the parents or whoever stands in their place, or failing these, by the pastor or the minister of baptism. To be appointed, the person must be suitable for this role and have the intention of fulfilling it.

#2- Be no less than 16 year of age, unless the pastor or the minister of the sacrament considers that there is a just reason for an exception to be made.

*Note: Exceptions made for a just reason involve age only, not the completion of Christian Initiation. No exception is made if the proposed sponsor is **not confirmed** and receiving Holy Communion at least once per year during the Easter Season (it is a precept of the Church to complete the Easter Duty).*

#3- Be a Catholic who has received Holy Communion and has received the Sacrament of Confirmation and who lives a life of faith which befits the role to be undertaken.

Note: This means that a sponsor must have completed their Christian Initiation (First Communion and Confirmation) and they must be actively living their faith in harmony with the Catholic Church so they can provide a good example for the child to be baptized. In order to prove that this requirement is met, sponsors are required to submit a sponsor certificate from the parish in which they are an active member. If no sponsor certificate is obtained, that individual cannot be a godparent. In today's world, it can be very difficult to find a good person to be a sponsor/godparent. If you are in this position, simply let one of the priests know and they will be able to suggest some people from the parish community to choose from. It is a common misconception that godparents would take over the care of the child if something should happen to the parents. This is NOT the case – not by church law nor by state law. Parents would have to make arrangements through legal documents if they wanted the godparents to have custody of their children.