

BAPTISMAL REQUIRED PAPERWORK

1. Baptism Workshop/Registration Form
2. Godparent Qualification Forms (Sponsor Certificates)

These must be signed and approved by the Godparent's home parish; or in the case of a non-Catholic, a letter of good standing from their church.

REMEMBER: One Godparent must be Catholic.

Baptisms are done outside of Mass at 10:30AM in the church on the first Saturday of the month. A Deacon is usually the celebrant. Any exceptions to this schedule must be arranged through Patti King (331-3901) and approved by Msgr. Brovey.

Baptisms ARE celebrated during Lent and Advent.

ON THE DAY OF BAPTISM

The child being baptized should be dressed in all white.

Meet your family and friends in the narthex (entrance) of the church 15 minutes prior to the Baptism. Attendees should sit in the pews near the Baptismal Font.

The Church provides the Baptism Candle. Please extinguish the candle when the celebrant moves on to the next section...welcoming the newly baptized child.

A "stole fee" is customarily provided by the family to the celebrant. This may be a minimal amount offered up in thanks to the celebrant.

Leave the top of the child's garment open to facilitate the anointing of the child's breast with oil during the Rite. We do not do Baptism by Immersion...the holy water is poured on the child's head.

At the beginning of the Rite, the child is marked by the Sign of the Cross by the parents, Godparents and family. If a person does NOT have a Christian faith, they should not do this.

Response to "What do you ask of God's Church?"---Baptism, Eternal Life, and Faith (CCC 1253)

Prince of Peace Catholic Church
1209 Brushy Creek Road, Taylors, SC 29687
Please print information

Baptism/Workshop Registration & Information Form

Name of Child: Last: _____
First: _____ Middle: _____
Male: _____ Female: _____

Date of Birth: _____ City & State of Birth: _____

Home Address: _____

Email: _____

Home Phone: _____ Daytime Phone: _____

Father's Full Name: _____

Mother's Full Name: _____ Maiden Name: _____

Religion of Father: _____ Religion of Mother: _____

Were parents married by a Catholic priest or Deacon: _____

If not, did you get permission for Form of Marriage? _____

Godfather's Full Name: _____ Religion: _____

Godmother's Full Name: _____ Religion: _____
(At least one of the Godparents must be a practicing Catholic who can obtain a valid Sponsor Certificate from their parish)

Will there be proxies? _____

If so, their full names: _____

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Certificate Mailed: _____

Church Register: _____

PDS Input: _____

Date Attended Baptism Workshop: _____

Workshop Presented by: _____

Date of Baptism: _____

Name of Celebrant: _____

Special Notes: _____

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- 1) One must be at least sixteen and he/she baptized, eucharized and confirmed.
- 2) One is reminded that, with the parents of the child, who as ritual states, are "the first teachers of their children in the ways of faith", godparents become joined spiritually to the family of the baptized and represent the fuller and larger faith community and therefore, they promise to help the baptized infant to meet his/her obligations in the faith.
- 3) A godparent or sponsor, therefore, is expected to model the faith by a faith-filled life. He or she, as the Church document says, is "to show the candidate (infant) how to practice the Gospel in personal and social life and to

be for the candidate a bearer of Christian witness and a guardian over growth in the baptismal life.

- 4) Thus, fidelity to church worship and a desire to live the moral life are fitting qualifications for sponsorship.

If you understand the above and feel you qualify, sign your name here and the pastor, pastoral associate or deacon will sign beneath yours.

Please print Sponsor's Name

Sponsor's Signature

Please print name of Sponsor's Pastor

Sponsor's Pastor's Signature

Sponsor's Church Name

Sponsor's Church Location

Infants Name

(Church Seal)

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Rite of Baptism

I. The Reception of the Children

- **Greeting**

The celebrant goes to the entrance of the church and welcomes everyone to this very special celebration.

- **Questioning**

The celebrant will ask three questions of the parents:

“What name do you give this child?”

“What do you ask of God’s Church for (name of child)?”

“Do you clearly understand what you are undertaking?”

The godparents of each child will be asked,

“Are you ready to help the parents of this child in their duty as Christian parents?”

- **Marked With the Sign of the Cross**

The celebrant traces the cross on the child’s forehead and invites the parents and godparents to do the same.

- **Celebration of God’s Word**

One or more scripture readings may be used.

- **Homily**

The celebrant gives a short homily to lead those present to a deeper understanding of the mystery of Baptism and the responsibilities of the baptismal commitment.

- **Intercessions**

The Prayer of the Faithful is a prayer of petition for the concerns for the world.

- **Prayer of Exorcism and Anointing before Baptism**

The celebrant will offer a short prayer of exorcism and anoint the child’s breast with the oil as a sign of strengthening.

II. Celebration of the Sacrament

The celebration moves to the baptismal font.

- **Blessing and Invocation of God over the Baptismal Waters**

The celebrant blesses the water with a prayer of thanksgiving.

- **Baptism**

After the Profession of Faith, the celebrant asks the parents and godparents one last time if it is their will to baptize the child.

The celebrant then baptizes the child either by immersion or infusion.

- **Anointing With Chrism**

The child’s head is anointed with chrism as a sign of the child being filled with the Holy Spirit.

- **Clothing With White Garment**

The celebrant clothes the child with a white garment as a sign of becoming a new creation and being clothed with Christ.

- **Lighted Candle**

The parents are handed candles lit from the paschal candle.

- **Conclusion of the Rite**

The celebrant welcomes the newly baptized child. Everyone present joins the celebrant in singing or saying the Lord’s Prayer.

- **Blessing**

The celebrant first blesses the mothers, the fathers, the child, and lastly all others present. The rite concludes as it began, tracing the Sign of the Cross, this time on oneself.

