

Steps to Baptism at Trinity Church



We're glad you're interested in Baptism at Trinity Episcopal Church. Since the Sacrament of Holy Baptism is central to the life of the church, it is our intention to take preparation for baptism very seriously. We hope to assist you as you make your decisions about baptism. You may have a number of questions about Baptism, its meaning, and theology. Most of those questions can be addressed during the Baptism Classes. Here are the steps to Baptism at Trinity Church:

1. Call the Parish Office:

(540) 373-2996 or speak to a member of the clergy to let us know about your interest in Baptism. You will be sent a *Baptism Information Form*.

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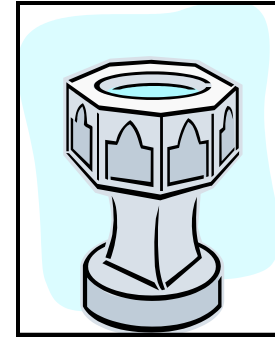
2. Complete the information form

as fully as possible. Necessary information includes the names and addresses of Godparents and Sponsors. If you have questions about who might be appropriate, participation in the classes can help you make that decision. Return the form to the Parish Office.

3. You will also be sent a copy of the book, *Preparing for Baptism in the Episcopal Church* by Anne E. Kitch. This book contains a simple explanation of the theology and understanding of Baptism. Please try to read it before the first Baptism Class.

4. The Catechist

(a member of Trinity Church who has been trained to assist individuals and families in their preparation for baptism) will contact you about the first class. Please notice the scheduled dates for baptism and for the classes.



5. Attend the first class.

Join in the signing of the Baptismal Register during either the 9:15 or 11 AM Eucharist the next day. The dates for the 2nd and 3rd classes will be set according to the convenience of the class participants and leaders. The final class will include a rehearsal for the upcoming baptism.

6. Following the baptism

there will be a reception in Barber Hall to welcome the newest members of Trinity Episcopal Church.

Call the Church office at 540-373-2996 with any questions about our Steps to Baptism.

Baptism Schedule for 2019—2020

- The first and last classes for each Baptism are already scheduled.
- Two additional classes will be scheduled during the first class.

November 3, 2019 Baptism All Saints at 9:15 am

First Class: October 12, 2019 at 10 am

Last Class: November 2, 2019 at 10 am

January 12, 2020 Baptism Epiphany at 11 am

First Class: December 14, 2020 at 10 am

Last Class: January 11, 2020 at 10 am

April 11, 2020 Baptism Easter Vigil at 8 pm

First Class: March 14, 2020 at 10 am

Last Class: April 4, 2020 at 10 am

May 31, 2020 Baptism Pentecost at 11:00 am

First Class: May 9, 2020 at 10 am

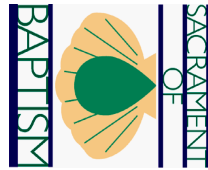
Last Class: May 30, 2020 at 10 am

November 1, 2020 Baptism All Saints at 9:15 am

First Class: October 10, 2020 at 10 am

Last Class: October 31, 2020 at 10 am

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