



Saint John of God Church
996 BRAYTON AVENUE
SOMERSET, MASSACHUSETTS 02726
Tel.: 508-678-5513

Dear Parents,

Thank you for choosing St. John of God for the baptism of your child! Enclosed is all paperwork to be completed before a date is scheduled. **Sponsor(s) belonging to a parish other than St. John of God, must bring a letter of sponsorship or sponsor certificate from their parish with signature of pastor and parish seal.**

A monetary donation may be given to the church.

Please confirm with the parish office staff your choice of proposed dates so I might consult with our pastor as to his schedule. When I receive all your forms, I will then send you a confirmation email. Also, please call and schedule a meet/greet with Fr. Jason to discuss your child's baptism.

If you have any questions or concerns, Please call the parish office at 508-678-5513

Blessings,

Administrative Assistant
St. John of God Church
Office@sjogsomerset.org

Qualifications to be Godparents or Sponsors

Godparents Must

1. Be Catholics
2. Be fully initiated into the Catholic Church that is, who have been baptized, received the Holy Communion and been Confirmed.
3. Be currently living a sacramental life or practicing the Faith. (i.e., attending Sunday Mass every week).
4. Be at least Sixteen Years Old.
5. If married, be married in the Catholic Church.
(Or elsewhere, with the permission/dispensation of the Catholic Church)
6. Normally a child has two Catholic godparents in which case one is male, and one is female. In no case is a child permitted to have two godparents of the same gender (that is, two males or two females). A child is permitted to have only one godparent whether male or female.
7. In the event that a child has only one godparent (male or female), the family may request a non-Catholic Christian to be a "Christian Witness." This "Christian Witness" is not a godparent but an acknowledgment on the part of the Church of an especially close or meaningful bond between the child's parents or the child him/herself and the non-Catholic Christian.
8. Not be a parent of the individual to be baptized/confirmed.
9. If you choose a Protestant to serve as a "Christian Witness", he or she should be baptized and practicing their religion.

Please note that the expectations concerning godparents and Christian Witnesses are not at the discretion of the parish pastor, assisting priest, deacon or others involved in celebrating the Sacrament of Baptism or the preparation thereof.

St John of God Church Baptism Form

Name of Child _____

First

Middle

Last

Child's Date of Birth _____ Is this your 1st ___ 2nd ___ 3rd ___ 4th ___ Child

Place of Birth _____

Father's Full Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone Number _____

Father's Religion _____

Mother's Full Name _____ Maiden Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone Number _____

Mother's Religion _____

Place of Marriage _____

Date of Sacramental Marriage _____ Date of Civil Marriage _____

Are you registered parishioners at St. John of God Church? Yes _____ No _____

God Father's Full Name _____

Is the Godfather Catholic _____ Religion _____

God Mother's Full Name _____

Is the God mother Catholic _____ Religion _____

Baptism Preparation Class Completion: Month _____ Year _____

Before scheduling a baptism we must have a sponsor certificate for both Godparents and baptismal prep class completed