

HOLY NAME OF JESUS CHURCH
DIOCESE OF HARRISBURG
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BAPTISM INFORMATION

1. Baptism takes place each Sunday after the 12:00 p.m. Mass, at approximately 1:15 p.m.
2. Both parents should be present for the Baptism of the child. Other family members and friends are most welcome for the ceremony.
3. The mother will hold the baby during the ceremony. The father will assist. All responses that are made by parents and sponsors will be in a booklet provided.
4. The child may be dressed according to the choice of the parents. You may follow any traditions of your family.
5. Someone, other than the parents or the sponsors, may take photographs and videos during the ceremony.
6. Each child is given a white robe symbolizing being clothed in Christ and a baptismal candle symbolizing the light of Christ being the child's light throughout life.
7. If parents have been negligent in the practice of their faith, this is the opportunity to begin anew. The baptismal ceremony reminds parents of their duty to give good example to their children.
8. Godparents are to have letters of approval to serve as godparents. There may be only one godfather and one godmother. Remember that godparents are to be a male and female practicing Catholic, which means that they attend Mass weekly, receive Holy Communion on a regular basis and, if married, are married according to the laws of the Catholic Church. A baptized person who belongs to another Christian denomination and who is practicing that religion may serve as a Christian witness to Baptism together with the Catholic godparent.
9. You need to be registered at Holy Name of Jesus to have your child baptized here.
10. If you belong to another parish, but wish to have your child baptized at Holy Name of Jesus Church because of some association with Holy Name Church, you need a letter of permission from your present pastor. If you belong to Holy Name Church, but want to have your child baptized in another Catholic Church, you need a letter of permission from the pastor of Holy Name Church.
11. Since baptismal records are permanent, it is important that all information be accurate. The first name, the middle name, and the last name of the individual to be baptized are necessary. First names and middle initials of parents and sponsors are needed. The mother's maiden name will appear on the baptismal record.
12. Please call the Rectory (652-4211) if you have any questions or requests. Parents should schedule the day of the child's baptism by filling out a Baptismal Registration Form.