All Saints Church, Chevy Chase, Maryland — Baptism of Children

The information on the following pages is requested of those seeking baptism for themselves, their children, or others in their care, regardless of age. It will help us get to know each other better and minister to you.

Families and godparents of children being baptized are strongly encouraged to participate in one of our quarterly baptism preparation classes. We present the meaning of baptism, explain the ceremony, answer your questions, offer you an orientation and some resources for Christian parents and godparents, and introduce you to the Family of God at All Saints. Adults initially meet with one of the clergy. The clergy and pastoral staff are always available for conversation about any questions and concerns you may have.

You can submit this form electronically or in hard copy, returned to the clergy or pastoral staff. Alternatively, you may simply put the requested information in an e-mail to the clergy or. Obtain and provide as much information as you can before the preparation class or meeting with the clergy; the rest can be filled in before the baptism.

About baptismal preparation

It shall be the duty of Rectors or Priests-in-Charge to ensure that persons be prepared for Baptism. Before baptizing infants or children, Rectors or Priests-in-Charge shall ensure that sponsors be prepared by instructing both the parents and the Godparents concerning the significance of Holy Baptism, the responsibilities of parents and Godparents for the Christian training of the baptized child, and how these obligations may properly be discharged.

Constitutions and Canons of the Episcopal Church (2009) — Title III, Canon 9, section 5(b)(3).

Group baptismal preparation classes are offered quarterly. Individual preparation is available as needed.
Please watch for announcements, or speak to the clergy, Director of Children's Ministry, or Family Pastor.

Other information about the service

Dates and times
Holy Baptism is a public sacrament of initiation, so it is ordinarily administered during one of our regular Sunday services, in the presence of the whole congregation. Certain days of the Church calendar (the Easter Vigil, Easter Day, the time through Trinity Sunday, Epiphany, and All Saints) are especially appropriate for baptism, and we urge you to consider one of these dates. Baptism is not appropriately administered during Lent, Holy Week, or Advent.

Other children at the service
If baptism is celebrated at the 10:00 a.m. Sunday liturgy, during the Liturgy of the Word (readings from Scripture and sermon), other children may attend "Kids' Church" downstairs. They will be escorted back to the main church in time for the baptism, and are welcome to sit on the carpet up front to have a good view of the celebration of the Sacrament.

Holy Eucharist (also known as Holy Communion) in the Episcopal Church:
You may find it helpful to let family or friends from other Christian traditions know that all baptized Christians who may receive Holy Communion in their home church are welcome to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion here. Ushers guide the congregation pew by pew. Communion will be brought to anyone who finds it hard to leave the pew. Gluten-free hosts are available on request.
To demonstrate our awareness that the Body of Christ is a free, gracious gift, and not an entitlement, we receive the host as a supplicant, on the open palm, rather than grasping it with fingers. You may first consume the host and then sip from the chalice which will follow, or you may dip ("intinct") the host in the chalice. If you sip from the chalice, grasp the base and guide it to your lips. Those who will not receive Communion are warmly invited to come forward for a blessing; indicate this by crossing arms over the chest, with palms at shoulders.

Baptismal preparation record

Person to be baptized ☐ M ☐ F

Given name(s)   *Surname*

Place and date of birth

place   *date*

Home address

street address (not P.O. box)   *apartment*

city   *state*   *zip code*

Home phone (landline)

Approximate age at baptism

years, months

Planned date and time of baptism

☐ January 20, 2019   ☐ February 24, 2019   ☐ April 20, 2019   ☐ May 12, 2019
☐ June 9, 2019   ☐ July 14, 2019   ☐ September 22, 2019   ☐ November 3, 2019

☐ Sunday 7:45 a.m. (Rite I) ☐ Sunday 10:00 a.m. (Church) ☐ Sunday 10:00 a.m. (Family Table)

☐ other date and time *(must receive prior approval):* ___   ☐ Rite I ☐ Rite II ☐ no Communion

reason: ___

Who will baptize   ☐ Rev. Kelaher ☐ Rev. Lee ☐ Dn. Buracker ☐ Rev. Kozlowski ☐ Rev. Musser

☐ other ___
please provide contact information

For office use

Preparation conducted by   ☐ Rev. Kelaher ☐ Rev. Lee ☐ Dn. Buracker ☐ Rev. Kozlowski ☐ Rev. Musser
☐ Mrs. Freer ☐ Mr. Wieder

☐ other ___

☐ Preparation classes

date ___

date ___

date ___

Notes:

Surname	*Given name*	*Date of baptism*

Father

_____   _____   _____
Given name(s)   *Surname*   *Date of birth (m/d/y)*

Phones   _____   _____
                        work   *cell*

E-mail   _____

baptized   ☐ No ☐ Yes _____
                        date (m/d/y)   *denomination*   *name of church*   *place (city & state)*

confirmed ☐ No ☐ Yes _____
                        date (m/d/y)   *denomination*   *name of church*   *place (city & state)*

relationship to All Saints'   ☐ active member   ☐ becoming member   ☐ former member

☐ through relatives or family (who?) _____

When (approx. date) did you start coming to All Saints? _____

If you have not <u>formally</u> *joined All Saints', or if you attend another church, tell us about your last church:*

_____
Denomination   *Name of church*

_____
Where is the church located (city and state)   *when were you last there?*

Mother

_____   _____   _____
Given name(s)   *Surname*   *Date of birth (m/d/y)*

Phones   _____   _____
                        work   *cell*

E-mail   _____

baptized   ☐ No ☐ Yes _____
                        date (m/d/y)   *denomination*   *name of church*   *place (city & state)*

confirmed ☐ No ☐ Yes _____
                        date (m/d/y)   *denomination*   *name of church*   *place (city & state)*

relationship to All Saints'   ☐ active member   ☐ becoming member   ☐ former member

☐ through relatives or family (who?) _____

current church _____
                        place   *church name*   *denomination*   *status*

If you have not <u>formally</u> *joined to All Saints', or if you attend another church, tell us about your last church:*

_____
Denomination   *Name of church*

_____
Where is the church located (city and state)   *when were you last there?*

Parents' marriage _____
                        date (m/d/y)   *denomination*   *church name*   *place (city, state)*

Surname	*Given name*	*Date of baptism*

Sponsors: Sponsors (also called godparents) promise "to do all in their power to help the newly baptized person grow into the fullness of life in Jesus Christ." Therefore, sponsors and godparents should be mature, practicing, baptized Christians who are willing and able to accept this joyful responsibility. List each sponsor separately. For married couples, write "Married to # " on the address line.

Sponsor 1

_____   _____   _____
Given name(s)   *Surname*   *age*

Address: *street or P.O. Box*   *city*   *state/province*   *zip/postal code*   *(country)*

Current denomination   _____

baptized   ☐ Yes   ☐ No   denomination _____

confirmed ☐ Yes   ☐ No   denomination _____

Sponsor 2

_____   _____   _____
Given name(s)   *Surname*   *age*

Address: *street or P.O. Box*   *city*   *state/province*   *zip/postal code*   *(country)*

Current denomination   _____

baptized   ☐ Yes   ☐ No   denomination _____

confirmed ☐ Yes   ☐ No   denomination _____

Sponsor 3

_____   _____   _____
Given name(s)   *Surname*   *age*

Address: *street or P.O. Box*   *city*   *state/province*   *zip/postal code*   *(country)*

Current denomination   _____

baptized   ☐ Yes   ☐ No   denomination _____

confirmed ☐ Yes   ☐ No   denomination _____

Sponsor 4

_____   _____   _____
Given name(s)   *Surname*   *age*

Address: *street or P.O. Box*   *city*   *state/province*   *zip/postal code*   *(country)*

Current denomination   _____

baptized   ☐ Yes   ☐ No   denomination _____

confirmed ☐ Yes   ☐ No   denomination _____

Special needs of participants, family, guests, or visitors *(mobility/accessibility; hearing assistance; language; etc.)*

Other special needs/notes