



ALL SAINTS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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BAPTISM AT ALL SAINTS CHURCH

We welcome you to All Saints Church. We are delighted at your decision to be baptized or to have your child/children baptized here. It is joy that we look forward to sharing with you. Upon baptism, you will become a member of the household of Christ, an act which we hold in high esteem and reverence. This is a major turning point in one's life and must be entered into with a full understanding of what it means to be a member of the Body of Christ. Therefore, we ask that you agree to the following responsibilities.

Becoming a Christian means you have agreed to follow Christ; speak his Word; receive the Blessed Sacrament regularly at Mass; support the Church with your time, talents, and treasure; and, have regular fellowship with your brothers and sisters in Christ. Parents and godparents undertake these responsibilities on behalf of infants and young children, and the parish community agrees to support these persons in their new life in Christ.

Baptism of infants and children will occur on the following traditional dates: The Solemnity of the Baptism of Our Lord (2nd Sunday of Christmas), The Great Vigil of Easter, Pentecost, and All Saints Sunday. Baptisms may also occur on the occasion of the Bishop's visit. Baptism of adults will occur annually at The Great Vigil of Easter, following the catechumenate process described below.

Preparation for the baptism of infants will consist of two preparatory sessions with both parents, plus one additional session with the godparents. Adults wishing to be baptized, will be required to enroll in the weekly Confirmation Classes beginning in December or early January and continuing through April or May. Adult candidates will enter a formal catechumenate process in Lent and are expected to attend mass weekly.

Christian baptism in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit is a sacrament and a grace conferred only once for the whole Church. Adults who are baptized at All Saints Church become members of the parish and agree to support the parish through weekly attendance at mass, participation in its ministries, and financial support. In the case of infants and children, the parents will take on those responsibilities.

Infant candidates must have at least two godparents who will agree to help raise the child in the event that the parents cannot. If the godparents are married or partnered, at least one of the godparents must be an Episcopalian/Anglican or follow another catholic tradition (e.g., Roman Catholic, Lutheran, or Orthodox); both, if the godparents are single. Adult candidates must have two sponsors who are members of All Saints Church. Thank you for choosing All Saints Church as your spiritual home.

Peace and blessings,

Fr. Norman Whitmire, Jr.+
Rector

A catholic Parish of the Episcopal Church within the Anglican Communion in the Diocese of Long Island.