

Dear Parents,

On behalf of St. Denis Parish, we congratulate you on the birth of your child and look forward to welcoming your child into the family of God, the Church. **Please contact the office to arrange for your child's baptism. We are including the dates on the website, but a date needs to be confirmed by phone.** In order to prepare you and the members of your family to present your child for the Sacrament of Baptism, please read the following:

- 1) If this is your first child to be baptized at St. Denis, you will need to attend a Pre-Baptism class. Classes are held on the second Monday of the month in a parishioner's home from 7:30 to 9:00 PM. A list of these meeting dates and the addresses and phone numbers of the Pre-Baptism team is included in this packet of information.
- 2) If you wish to have a guest celebrant (priest/deacon) they must contact the Parish Office before the ceremony.
- 3) **Two weeks before your child's baptism**, please send the following to the Parish Office:
  - A) Letter(s) of Eligibility for godparents who *are not registered* members of St. Denis Parish. If a godparent is a member of St. Denis Parish we will verify parishioner status and eligibility via our database. Godparents should be chosen for their obvious belief in Christ and are charged, along with parents, with seeing that the child is brought up in the practice of the Catholic faith. Ordinarily two Catholic godparents are chosen. However, a child may have one Catholic godparent and a non-Catholic baptized Christian who acts as a Christian witness.
  - B) Because of the expense incurred by the use of the church, the Baptismal Program and baptismal literature, we ask that an offering of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) be given. If this amount presents any difficulty, please let it not be a factor in presenting your child for this sacrament.
- 4) **On the day** of your child's baptism;
  - A) Arrive at church fifteen minutes before the start of Mass (if your child is being baptized at a parish liturgy) or fifteen minutes before the afternoon celebration of the Rite of Baptism.
  - B) Please look in the pews behind the baptismal font for your child's baptismal certificate. Please sit in this pew with the mother holding the child accompanied

by the father and godparents. Check the certificate for the proper spelling of all names and dates.

- C) Please remove hat and/or bonnet from the child's head. Loosen the neckline of the child's clothing so that the child's breast can be anointed.
- D) If the baby is to be immersed, have the baby dressed appropriately for the day and weather. Just before the immersion, the child's clothes and diaper should be removed. The child may be wrapped in a blanket and brought to the baptismal font when directed. After your child has been baptized, the parents will go to the church vestibule and dress the baby in the white baptismal garment and return to the pew.
- E) At the baptismal font, the mother will hold her child's head over the font when the child is called forward to be baptized. The father and godparents accompany the mother to the font.
- F) Please speak with the priest or deacon concerning family members taking pictures during the Rite of Baptism.
- G) After the Rite of Baptism has been completed, please feel free to remain in the church to take pictures. However, please use good judgment and mannered deportment while in church.

St. Denis Parish Community again welcomes your child into its midst and prays that your family remains close to the Community of Faith begun for us by Christ.

God bless you and your child always,

The Priests and Deacons of St. Denis Parish

# Preparing for your child's Baptism...

## *Excerpts from the Rite of Baptism*

**What do you ask of God's Church for your child?**

**Response: Baptism**

*You have asked to have your child baptized. In doing so you are accepting the responsibility of training him/her in the practice of the faith. It will be your duty to bring him/her up to keep God's commandments as Christ taught us, by loving God and our neighbor. Do you clearly understand what you are undertaking?*

**Response: We do**

*The Christian community welcomes you with joy!*

*On your part, you must make it your constant care to bring your child up in the practice of the faith. See that divine life which God gives him/her is kept safe from the poison of sin, to grow always stronger in his/her heart.*

**Pouring of water:**

*I baptize you in the name of the Father, Son, and Spirit.*

**Presentation of the white garment:** *You have become a new creation, clothed in Christ.*

**Presentation of the candle:** *This light is entrusted to you to be kept burning brightly.*

*Dearly beloved, this child has been reborn in Baptism. He/she is now called a child of God for so indeed he/she is.*

**Prayer for the Mother:**

*May God, the source of life and love, who fills the hearts of mothers with love for their children, bless this mother with love for this child. As she thanks God for a safe delivery, may she find joy in the love, growth, and holiness of her child.*

**Prayer for the Father:**

*God is the giver of all life, human and divine. May He bless the father of this child. With his wife they will be the first teachers, bearing witness to the faith by what they say and do, in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

**As you prepare for your child's Baptism...**

- + *What difference has your own baptism made in your life?*
- + *How have you grown in your relationship with God and the Catholic Church (the universal Church as well as your parish community to which you belong)?*
- + *Does any aspect of your current practice of our faith (weekly Sunday worship, reception of the sacraments of Eucharist and Reconciliation, regular prayer life, adult faith formation, etc.) need further development so that it is the usual "way of life" for you?*
- + *What religious values do you most hope to pass on to your child?*
- + *What qualities do you desire that God most grant your child? (At Baptism we receive the virtues of Faith, Hope, and Love and the Gifts of the Spirit: Wisdom, Understanding, Courage, Right Judgment, Knowledge, Reverence, Wonder & Awe)*

# The Role of the Godparent

*Congratulations on being selected as the Godparent for \_\_\_\_\_ who will soon be baptized as member of the Catholic Church! The parent(s) who have chosen you for this honor and privilege are counting on the support you will give them in helping this child develop a personal relationship with God and with the Catholic Church. They could have chosen anyone, but they chose you!*

There will be much excitement on this child's day of Baptism so the excerpt from the Rite of Baptism below is provided for your reflection. The ceremony may be enriched for you if you could spend some quiet moments in prayer reflecting on these words before the day of Baptism.

## Excerpts from the Rite of Baptism

Godparents, are you ready to help the parents of this child in their duty as Christian parents?

You have come here to present this child for Baptism. By water and the Holy Spirit he/she is to receive the gift of new life from God, who is love. **On your part you must make it your constant care to bring him/her up in the practice of the faith.** See that the divine life which God gives him/her is kept safe from sin, to grow always strong in his/her heart.

If your faith makes you ready to accept this responsibility, renew now the vows of your own Baptism. Reject sin; profess your faith in Christ Jesus.

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### **For your personal reflection:**

- + What difference has your own Baptism made in your life?
- + How have you grown in your relationship with God and the Catholic Church (the universal Church as well as the parish community to which you belong?)
- + Does any aspect of your current practice of our faith (weekly Sunday worship, reception of the sacraments, regular prayer life, adult faith formation, involvement in the life of your parish, etc.) need further development so that it is the usual "way of life" for you?
- + Why are you willing to act as a Godparent for this child?
- + How will you nurture a Catholic identity in this Godchild?

### **Suggestions for celebrating Baptism**

- + An appropriate Baptismal gift would be some religious article (medal, crucifix, etc.)
- + Celebrate the anniversary of your godchild's Baptism in some way each year that enhances his/her Catholic identity (eg. Giving a gift of religious significance, blessing him/her with holy water, etc.)
- + Encourage your godchild's parents to use the Baptismal candle each year on the anniversary of the Baptism by saying a prayer and asking God to grant a special grace to the child that year, then blow out the candle (like we do on birthdays).

Carlsten Bernard Stahl	Christian	Suzanne	Stahl	2 E. Benedict Avenue	Havertown	PA	19083	4/29/2006
Thomas Matthew Barr	Michael	Laura	Barr	123 Charles Drive	Havertown	PA	19083	5/6/2006
Leo Joseph Coacher	Sanford	Patricia	Coacher	104 W. Hathaway Lane	Ardmore	PA	19003	5/6/2006
Owen James Mulhern	Marc	Lori	Mulhern	2939 Oakford Road	Ardmore	PA	19003	5/7/2006
Matthew Michael Brennecke	Matthew	Rosemary	Brennecke	220 Glen Gary Drive	Havertown	PA	19083	5/20/2006
Edward George Yoshioka	Kevin	Gloria Ann	Yoshioka	2413 Whitby Road	Havertown	PA	19083	5/20/2006
Sienna Elizabeth Bloom	Paul	Lisa	Bloom	9 Hastings Avenue	Havertown	PA	19083	5/21/2006
Andrew John Doherty	Eugene	Dawn	Doherty	411 Kenmore Road	Havertown	PA	19083	5/21/2006
Thomas Aloysius McCarthy, Jr.	Thomas	Amy	McCarthy	152 Shawnee Road	Ardmore	PA	19003	5/21/2006
Grace Elizabeth Morley	James	Jennifer	Morley	19 Myrtle Avenue	Havertown	PA	19083	5/21/2006
Fiona Quinn Loos	Theodore	Eileen	Loos	655 Georges Lane	Ardmore	PA	19003	5/28/2006
Christopher Tuohy	Michael	Lisa	Tuohy	1734 Green Valley Road	Havertown	PA	19083	5/28/2006
Khue Nguyen	Han	Maren	Nguyen	43 E. Clearfield Drive	Havertown	PA	19083	6/4/2006
Jonathan Daniel North	Travis	Kristina	North	618 Naylor's Run Road	Havertown	PA	19083	6/4/2006
Jordan Marie Collins	Gregory	Kara	Collins	218 Edgehill Drive	Havertown	PA	19083	6/5/2006
Kayla Elizabeth Wesley McCreary	Joseph	Mary	McCreary	1905 Belvedere Avenue	Havertown	PA	19083	6/11/2006
John Studdy	John	Rebecca	Studdy	675 Aubrey Avenue	Ardmore	PA	19003	6/11/2006
Jonah Michael Buscaglia	Robert	Lisa	Buscaglia	2932 Normandy Road	Ardmore	PA	19003	6/18/2006
Caitlin Rose Gormley	Steven	Sheila	Gormley	2518 Woodleigh Road	Havertown	PA	19083	6/24/2006
Brendan James Killeen	Richard	Amy	Killeen	335 Cherry Lane	Havertown	PA	19083	7/9/2006
Matthew John Hasson	Patrick	Patricia	Hasson	132 Ellis Road	Havertown	PA	19083	7/15/2006
Ella Helm	Matthew	Jessica	Helm	16 E. Eagle Road	Havertown	PA	19083	7/16/2006
Harley Anne Karbiner	Mark	Tara	Karbiner	309 Edgehill Drive	Havertown	PA	19083	7/16/2006
Matthew R. Tucker	Drew	Susan	Tucker	201 Golfview Road	Ardmore	PA	19003	7/19/2006
Luke Anthony Kovacs	Stephen	Kelly	Kovacs	2314 Kenilworth Road	Ardmore	PA	19003	7/23/2006
Erin Joyce Coyle	Richard	Jaclyn	Coyle	27 W. Marthart Avenue	Havertown	PA	19083	8/13/2006
Justin Alexander Gibson	Charles	Ellen	Gibson	2321 Chestnut Avenue	Ardmore	PA	19003	8/13/2006
Grace Knapp Schlegel	Jeffrey	Kathryn	Schlegel	241 Shawnee Road	Ardmore	PA	19003	8/13/2006
Peter John Schmidt	Peter	Carol	Schmidt	216 Edgehill Drive	Havertown	PA	19083	8/13/2006

Carly Jane Mack	Jay	Julie	Mack	1625 Earlington Road	Havertown	PA	19083	8/20/2006
Otto Matthew Heckendorn	Matthew	Suzanne	Heckerdorn	607 Hazelwood Road	Ardmore	PA	19003	9/10/2006
Amelia Elizabeth Ruzzi	Joseph	Gina	Ruzzi	52 Decatur Road	Havertown	PA	19083	9/10/2006
Patrick Timothy White	Matthew	Christine	White	6 Kathleen Court	Havertown	PA	19083	9/10/2006
Andrew Robert Avin	Robert	Joan	Avin	2407 Merwood Lane	Havertown	PA	19083	10/1/2006
Anthony Domenic Caravello	James	Jessica	Caravello	2034 Oakmont Avenue	Havertown	PA	19083	10/1/2006
Enzo Christoff Delia	Richard	Rebecca	Delia	2737 Sunnybrook Lane	Ardmore	PA	19003	10/1/2006
Ava Rose Kahley	Richard	Paula	Kahley	1822 Winton Avenue	Havertown	PA	19083	10/1/2006
Olivia Myers	Anthony	Christina	Myers	121 Merrybrook Drive	Havertown	PA	19083	10/1/2006
Emma Lill	James	Audra	Lill	337 David Drive	Havertown	PA	19083	10/8/2006
Caitlin McFadden	Brad	Lindsay	McFadden	160 Shawnee Road	Ardmore	PA	19003	10/14/2006
Alexander Daniel Klee	Paul	Laura	Klee	734 Homestead Avenue	Havertown	PA	19083	10/15/2006
Brogan Grace Levy	Joe	Cait	Levy	39 Hastings Avenue	Havertown	PA	19083	10/15/2006
Megan Rose McCabe	James	Marcy	McCabe	2733 St. Mary's Road	Ardmore	PA	19003	10/15/2006
Andrew McClatchy	John	Lisa	McClatchy	807 Biddle Street	Ardmore	PA	19003	10/15/2006
Constance Christine McKeever	Matthew	Keri	McKeever	2551 Woodleigh Road	Havertown	PA	19083	10/15/2006
Grace Marie Brown	Dan	Michelle	Brown	7 Decatur Road	Havertown	PA	19083	10/22/2006
Lauren Elizabeth Bullick	Christopher	Suzanne	Bullick	18 Castle Rock Drive	Havertown	PA	19083	10/22/2006
Maximillian Ethan Capello	Charles	Stephanie	Capello	232 E. Turnbull Avenue	Havertown	PA	19083	10/22/2006
Susan Lilly Mattson	Joshua	Emily	Mattson	760 Humphreys Road	Ardmore	PA	19003	10/22/2006
Tyler Edward Van Luvender	Richard	Dorene	Van Luvender	46 Ralston Avenue	Havertown	PA	19083	10/22/2006
Jessica Rose Smith	Robert	Jane	Smith	2396 Clover Lane	Havertown	PA	19083	10/28/06
Joseph Samuel McGuire	Michael	Rachel	McGuire	739 Hathaway Lane	Ardmore	PA	19003	11/5/2006
Lauren Grace D'Elia	Albert	Joanne	D'Elia	1809 Belvedere Avenue	Havertown	PA	19083	11/6/2006
Colin Daniel Grimes	Mark	Michelle	Grimes	1805 Earlington Road	Havertown	PA	19083	11/12/2006
Cecelia Teresa Kearney	Seamus	Jane	Kearney	400 Walnut Hill Lane	Havertown	PA	19083	11/12/2006
Lola Rose Pena	Miguel	Serene	Pena	1508 Hampstead Road	Wynnewood	PA	19096	11/12/2006
Daien Robert Armstrong	Glen	Kelli-Ann	Armstrong	2306 Grasslyn Avenue	Havertown	PA	19083	11/25/2006
Erica Marie Ranlof	Richard	Ann Marie	Ranlof	110 W. Clearfield Road	Havertown	PA	19083	11/25/2006
Catherine Grace Conwell	David	Maria	Conwell	158 Shawnee Road	Ardmore	PA	19003	11/26/2006

Rebecca Lynn Archie		Christina	Archie	2009 Oakmont Avenue	Havertown	PA	19083	12/3/2006
Lindsay Kathleen Marshall	Brian	Carolyn	Marshall	147 Jupiter Road	Havertown	PA	19083	12/3/2006
Kai Gabriel Baker	Mitch	Nicole	Baker	1816 Manor Road	Havertown	PA	19083	12/10/2006
Brenna Marie Collins	Gregory	Kara	Collins	218 Edgehill Drive	Havertown	PA	19083	12/10/2006
Emerson Marie Simmons	Timothy	Kristin	Simmons	439 Olympic Avenue	Havertown	PA	19083	12/30/2006
Natalia Assetto	Anthony	Jennifer	Assetto	631 Woodcrest Avenue	Ardmore	PA	19003	1/7/2007
Annabelle Rose Caldwell	Brian	Rachael	Caldwell	34 Braeburn Road	Havertown	PA	19083	1/14/2007
Finnegan Francis Conway	Jason	Megan	Conway	2404 Poplar Road	Havertown	PA	19083	1/21/2007
Maeve Catherine Harvey	John	Christin	Harvey	39 Yale Road	Havertown	PA	19083	1/21/2007
Clare Eileen Conmy	Michael	Emily	Conmy	2106 Bellemead Avenue	Havertown	PA	19083	1/28/2007
Jonah Francis Lorah	Joel	Marnie	Lorah	164 Cedarbrook Road	Ardmore	PA	19003	1/28/2007
William James Williams	Billy	Marie	Williams	1514 Lynnewood Avenue	Havertown	PA	19083	1/28/2007
John Francis Donovan	Ed	Ellen	Donovan	1736 Academy Lane	Havertown	PA	19083	2/10/2007
Michael Edward Donnelly	Michael	Theresa	Donnelly	1715 Academy Lane	Havertown	PA	19083	2/11/2007
Claire Margaret Carroccio	Greg	Wesley	Carroccio	2702 St. Mary's Road	Ardmore	PA	19003	2/17/2007
Sean James Gordon	Steven	Jayme	Gordon	2406 Poplar Road	Havertown	PA	19083	2/18/2007
Finn Patrick McFadden	Kenneth	Karen	McFadden	432 Rittenhouse Circle	Havertown	PA	19083	2/18/2007
Cecelia Clausen	Paul	Rita	Clausen	1 Kathleen Court	Havertown	PA	19083	2/24/2007
Cameron Anne Turner	Christopher	Polly	Turner	2509 Bryn Mawr Avenue	Ardmore	PA	19003	2/25/2007
Charles James Turner	Christopher	Polly	Turner	2509 Bryn Mawr Avenue	Ardmore	PA	19003	2/25/2007
Morgan Santana Barrett	Eugene	Rebecca	Barrett	40 Chelten Road	Havertown	PA	19083	3/4/2007
William James Gallagher, III		Lisa	Raimo	401 Paddock Road	Havertown	PA	19083	3/4/2007
David Benjamin Meloni	Guido	Monica	Meloni	1704 Green Valley Road	Havertown	PA	19083	3/4/2007
Bennett John Orio	Robert	Tara	Orio	105 W. Clearfield Road	Havertown	PA	19083	3/4/2007
Ian Oliver Lamken	Dan	Jen	Lamken	2022 Olcott Avenue	Ardmore	PA	19003	3/10/2007
Charlotte Louise Brecker	James	Karen	Brecker	609 Woodcrest Avenue	Havertown	PA	19083	3/11/2007
Dylan Harrington	Charles	Mary Beth	Harrington	715 Ardmore Avenue	Ardmore	PA	19003	3/13/2007
Aiden Cron	Mitch	Jennifer	Cron	2933 Morris Road	Ardmore	PA	19003	3/25/2007
Michael Cole Lisowski	Michael	Maureen	Lisowski	317 David Drive	Havertown	PA	19083	3/25/2007
Lydia Rosalie O'Brien	Dominic	Lillian	O'Brien	105 Hastings Avenue	Havertown	PA	19083	3/25/2007

Julia Rose Volpe	John	Jennifer	Volpe	405 Colfax Road	Havertown	PA	19083	3/25/2007
Paige Rockett Hubley	Rob	Carrie	Hubley	2550 Woodleigh Road	Havertown	PA	19083	4/15/2007
Neive Marion Kelly		Maryann	Butera	137 Grandview Road	Ardmore	PA	19003	4/15/2007
Brenon Bond	Jim	Betty	Bond	402 Lincoln Avenue	Havertown	PA	19083	4/22/2007
Grace Elizabeth Duffy	James	Gail	Duffy	2542 Belmont Avenue	Ardmore	PA	19003	4/22/2007
Douglas Joseph Piunti	Jaimie	Sarah Trout		26 Hastings Avenue	Havertown	PA	19083	4/22/2007
Olivia Grace Spaulding	Andrew	Julie	Spaulding	224 Cherry Lane	Havertown	PA	19083	4/22/2007