

ST. JOHN - ST. PAUL COLLABORATIVE BAPTISMAL REQUEST FORM INSTRUCTIONS

"The Christian community welcomes you with great joy."

These are the words of the priest at the beginning of Baptism, so it is fitting for the community to be gathered to welcome these new Christians. As such, baptisms are celebrated communally at the St. John-St. Paul Collaborative, either together with other families or with the parish community at Mass. Communal Baptisms (up to 4 babies) are celebrated on the **1st Sunday of the month at St. Paul**, and on the **2nd Sunday of the month at St. John**, at **1:30pm**. A baptism may also be celebrated with the parish community at a **Sunday 9:00am Family Mass**.

Preparation

A baptismal preparation meeting is required for all parents who have not had a child baptized previously. The preparation is required for both parents. It is recommended but not required for the godparents to attend.

Godparents

The mission of the godparent is, with the parents, to present the child for Baptism. They are to help the parents of the child in passing on the practice of the Catholic faith by helping the child grow in his or her relationship with Jesus Christ, in understanding of the beliefs of the Catholic faith, and in familiarity the rituals, prayers, and practices that accompany those beliefs.

A child to be baptized must have at least one godparent, but may have two - one godfather and one godmother. According to the universal law of the Church, to be admitted to the role of a godparent, a person must be Catholic, at least 16 years of age, have received the Sacrament of Confirmation, and not be the father or the mother of the one to be baptized. A baptized non-Catholic Christian may participate as a Christian Witness to the baptism in addition to a Catholic godparent.

Requesting Baptism for Your Child

To request baptism for your child, please complete the form on the following page and return it to us as soon as possible, **but ordinarily no later than one month prior to the requested Baptism date**.

(Please Note: The Baptismal Request Form is a fillable PDF form. It can be filled in online, saved, and then emailed or printed. Alternatively, the blank form can be printed out and filled in by hand.)

To request a **Sunday 1:30pm Baptism**, please select the church (*St. Paul or St. John*) and let us know your preferred date (*be sure to choose a 1st Sunday of the month for St. Paul or a 2nd Sunday of the month for St. John.*)

If you would like to celebrate your child's Baptism with the parish community at a **Sunday 9:00am Family Mass**, please select the church (*St. Paul or St. John*) and let us know your preferred dates/date range. A Baptism is celebrated within the Mass at each parish generally once a month; we will contact you to discuss available dates.

Completed forms may be emailed to Anne Mears, *Collaborative Pastoral Care Coordinator*, at anne.mears@sjspwellesley.org, or brought/mailed to either parish office:

St. John the Evangelist Parish 39 Washington St. Wellesley, MA 02481
St. Paul Parish 502 Washington St. Wellesley, MA 02482

Once we receive your request form we will contact you to discuss baptismal preparation and confirm the requested date.

Saint John the Evangelist Parish

39 Washington St. Wellesley, MA 02481
781-235-0045

Baptisms are celebrated at St. John Church
at **1:30pm** on the **2nd Sunday** of the month.
Baptisms may also be celebrated with the parish
community at a **Sunday 9:00am Family Mass**.



Saint Paul Parish

502 Washington St. Wellesley, MA 02482
781-235-1060

Baptisms are celebrated at St. Paul Church
at **1:30pm** on the **1st Sunday** of the month.
Baptisms may also be celebrated with the parish
community at a **Sunday 9:00am Family Mass**.

BAPTISMAL REQUEST FORM

Church: ___ St. John ___ St. Paul Is this your first child to be Baptized? ___ Yes ___ No

Sunday 1:30pm

Requested Date: _____

For St. Paul choose a 1st Sunday

For St. John choose a 2nd Sunday

Sunday 9:00am Family Mass

Requested Date Range: _____

Name of Child: _____
Last Name First Name Middle Name

Date of Child's Birth: _____ Place (city, state): _____

Father: _____ Religion: _____
Last Name First Name Middle

Mother: _____ Religion: _____
Current Last Name Current First Name Current Middle

Mother's Maiden Name: _____
Last Name at birth First Name at birth Middle Name at birth

Note: Baptismal records reflect the parents' names at birth.

Were you married in the Catholic Church (or with the permission of the Church to marry in another denomination?) ___ Yes ___ No

Date of Marriage: _____ Church: _____ City: _____ ST: _____

Home Address: _____ City: _____ ST: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell: _____ Email: _____

Godfather: _____ Religion: _____

Godmother: _____ Religion: _____

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For Parish Office Use: Confirmed with _____ First Baptism - prep scheduled: _____
 Added to online schedule Paperwork complete Information added to ParishSoft Certificate printed

Notes:

Celebrant: _____ Date: _____

Recorded in Sacramental Book Sacrament complete in ParishSoft