

Check List

- _____ If this is your first child or if it has been three or more years since you last had a child baptized, contact Sister Valerie Zottola, CSJ, Director of Religious Formation, at 724-335-9877, ext. 115, to register for the Infant Baptism Preparation Process.

- _____ Baptism preparation sessions are usually scheduled on the second Thursday of the month at 7:00 PM. You will receive some additional printed materials on baptism and will be asked to purchase a book helpful to you as you move from baptism into active parenting of a young child. You should plan to complete the preparation process several months before your baby is due.

- _____ Carefully read these guidelines. Consider your own attitude as a prospective parent, reflecting on your own commitment to the faith, your practice of it, and your desire to raise your child as a Catholic Christian.

- _____ Before choosing a godparent or godparents, read about their role and responsibilities and review the list of requirements on page 3 of these guidelines. Additional information is available upon request or at the preparation session.

- _____ Contact Sister Valerie Zottola, CSJ, Religious Formation Director, at 724-335-9877, ext. 115, about four months prior to your baby's due date To schedule the baptism itself and complete any necessary paperwork. Note the parish baptism schedule on page 2 of the guidelines.

- _____ Familiarize yourself with the flow of the liturgical celebration on page 4. Call Sister Valerie Zottola, Religious Formation Director, at 724-335-9877, ext. 115, with any questions or concerns.

- _____ Parents and godparents meet in the back of church 30 minutes prior to the beginning of Mass on the day of baptism. At that time, you will be guided through the *Rite of Baptism*, walk through the ceremony, and receive any final directions for the celebration.