

## **Important Information for Scheduling a Baptism**

- **Registration:** A family must be registered and active for three months prior to booking a Baptism. Please introduce yourself to the clergy of the Parish so they can get to know you better. Also mention to them that you are having your baby Baptized in the coming months.
- **Godparents:** Church Law requires that a candidate for Baptism should be sponsored by a baptized and confirmed member of the Catholic Church who is willing and able to help the child develop and grow in the Catholic Faith. There must be at least one godparent or sponsor. In the case where there are two sponsors, one must be male and one female. The maximum number of sponsors is two. The minimum age for a sponsor is sixteen (16) years of age. A baptized (non-Catholic) Christian may not be a sponsor, but may act as a witness and will be listed as a Christian witness in the Church record. A non-baptized person may not officially act as a sponsor or witness to the baptism of a child in the Catholic faith.
- **Certificates:** If not parishioners of Our Lady Queen of Peace, **both** godparents must get sponsor certificates from the parishes they attend to ensure they are practicing Catholics. These certificates have to be submitted to the Parish Center **prior** to the Baptism being scheduled.
- **Instruction Class:** Godparents and parents must attend an instruction class before the scheduled Baptism. On that date they must attend the 12:00 Mass. At the conclusion of the Mass (except in November), the celebrant will call them to the altar for a special blessing after which the Baptism team will bring them to the Parish Center. During this class those present will learn the importance of the Sacrament and their role in helping pass on the Faith to the newly baptized. Also, the parents will be asked to review a proof of the Baptismal Certificate and sign stating all of the information is correct. (Please note: whatever spelling, names, etc. is on the proof is how it will be on the final Baptism Certificate and in the Church record.)
- **Day of Baptism:** Godparent's and parents are invited to attend the 12:00 Mass and Baptism will follow around 1:30pm.

**Day of Instruction:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Day of Baptism:** \_\_\_\_\_