

BAPTISM INFORMATION FOR FAMILIES

To Parents

We are delighted to welcome your child into the family of God through the Sacrament of Baptism. In order for us to do so, you must be registered with our parish and complete the following tasks:

- Select qualified godparent(s) – *see “About Godparents” below*
- Review the information from the parish regarding Baptism. This includes the information in this document as well as the flyer from the USCCB (United States Conference of Catholic Bishops). This is available via the following:
 - A folder obtained from the Church Office
 - Information on the parish website
- Complete an Application for Baptism
- Watch the Formed Sessions regarding Baptism. To access the classes, go to formed.org and follow these steps:
 - Click “Sign Up”
 - Click “Sign Up as Parishioner”
 - Search for Saint Paul the Apostle by Zip Code: 29672
 - Enter your name
 - Enter your email address
 - You are now signed up
 - Watch “Reborn” series on Baptism
- If your child’s godparents are not registered members of our parish, ensure that the pastor of the parish where they are registered has provided our parish the appropriate documentation verifying their status as a Catholic in good standing.

After you have completed the above tasks, sign and return this document to the parish office. Once this document is received, you will be scheduled for a Baptismal date. We cannot schedule your child’s Baptism until you have fully completed all requirements.

About Godparents

Choosing your child’s godparents should be a careful decision. Church law requires that any candidate for Baptism be sponsored by a baptized, confirmed, and registered member of the Catholic Church who is sixteen or older and who is willing and able to help the child grow and develop in the Catholic faith.

There must be at least one godparent, but there may be two (one male and one female).

If from a different parish, the godparent(s) must provide a letter from the pastor of the Catholic parish he or she regularly attends, stating that he or she is a registered parishioner in good standing. This letter must be addressed to our pastor. *See our address information below.*

About Christian Witnesses

If there is only one godparent the parents may wish to select one baptized Christian to act as a Christian witness, which is a position of honor *only*. If chosen, this person should furnish a letter of support from the pastor of his

or her Christian community, stating that he or she is a baptized member of that community. This letter should be addressed to our pastor. *See our address information below.* It is not necessary to have a Christian witness.

Address Correspondence to

Reverend William S. Hearne, Pastor
Saint Paul the Apostle Catholic Church
170 Bountyland Road
Seneca, SC 29672

Questions? Please call the parish office at (864) 882-8551 during normal business hours or via email at mf@saintpaulseneca.org.

Both parents are to initial next to each item, sign, and date form. Once completed, submit this form to the parish office.

Name of child to be Baptized (please print): _____

Mother's Name (please print): _____

Father's Name (please print): _____

I/We verify that all requirements for reception of the Sacrament of Baptism have been fulfilled.

Mother of child to be Baptized

- ____ I have read the requirements for Godparents and have selected qualified Godparents for my child.
- ____ I have read/reviewed all of the information regarding Baptism that has been provided by the parish.
- ____ I have attentively watched the Formed Sessions regarding Baptism.

Signature

Date

Father of child to be Baptized

- ____ I have read the requirements for Godparents and have selected qualified Godparents for my child.
- ____ I have read/reviewed all of the information regarding Baptism that has been provided by the parish.
- ____ I have attentively watched the Formed Sessions regarding Baptism.

Signature

Date