

## *Baptism Schedule: 2023-2024*

### **April 8, 2023 Baptism The Easter Vigil at 8 pm**

Preparation Classes:  
Mar. 18, 25, Apr. 1 at 10:30 am

### **May 28, 2023 Baptism Pentecost at 10:30 am**

Preparation Classes:  
May 13, 20, 27 at 10:30 am

### **November 5, 2023 Baptism All Saints at 10:30 am**

Preparation Classes:  
Oct. 21, 28, Nov. 4 at 10:30 am

### **January 7, 2024 Baptism Baptism of Jesus at 10:30 am**

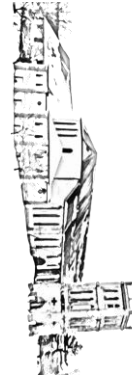
Preparation Classes:  
Dec. 16, 30, Jan. 6 at 10:30 am

### **March 30, 2024 Baptism The Easter Vigil at 8 pm**

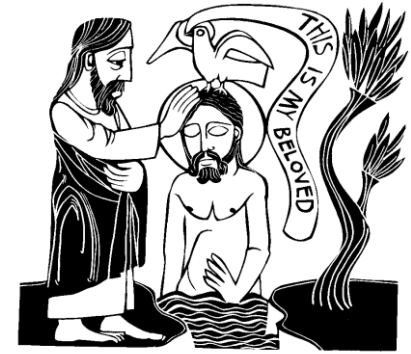
Preparation Classes:  
Mar. 9, 16, 23 at 10:30 am

*\*other dates may be possible if  
the calendar permits.*

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# Preparing for Holy Baptism



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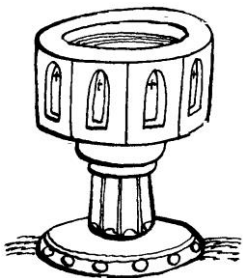
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We're glad you're interested in Baptism at St. Martin's Episcopal Church. Since the Sacrament of Holy Baptism is central to the life of the church, it is our intention to take preparation for baptism very seriously. We hope to assist you as you make your decisions about baptism. You may have a number of questions about Baptism, its meaning, and theology. Most of those questions can be addressed during the Baptism Classes. Here are the steps to Baptism at St. Martin's:

**1. Call/email the Parish Office:**

or speak to our priest to let us know about your interest in Baptism. You will be sent a Baptism Information Form.

**2. Make an appointment** to meet with Fr. Rob and discuss our process of Preparation for Baptism.



**3. Complete the information** form as fully as possible.

Necessary information includes the names and addresses of Godparents and Sponsors. If you have questions about who might be appropriate, participation in the classes can help you make that decision. Return the form to the Parish Office.

**4. Attend the Preparation Classes**

Three classes are required for baptism: The first class will discuss the meaning and theology of baptism. The second class will discuss the role and responsibilities of parents, godparents and the community of faith in helping your child grow in their Christian life. The third class will be an instructed rehearsal.

On the Sunday following the first class, you will participate in Signing the Baptismal Register at Mass, and your child will be enrolled as a catechumen.

**5. Celebrate New Life in Christ**

It is appropriate to have a reception following the Baptism in the undercroft to welcome the newly baptized into our parish family. Please let the parish priest know if you would like to plan a reception.

**6. Nurture Your Child's Baptism**

Parents and Godparents are called by God to teach their children the Christian faith and help them grow into their relationship with Jesus and the Church. Daily family prayer, volunteer service and regular worship attendance help form your child's faith.

The parish also promises to help your child grow in faith. Sunday School is offered from September - June, and children are always welcomed in the Mass.

