



# St. John the Baptist Church

## Wading River

### Arranging your Child's Baptism

We are happy to welcome the newest members of our parish, their parents and families. Please call the parish office so that we can help you (631-929-4339), or email us at [office@sjbwr.org](mailto:office@sjbwr.org).

1. Setting the Baptism Date: Usually we meet together to gather the information about your child, and help you select a date for Baptism. Baptisms are scheduled monthly on the first and third Sunday's from March through October, and third Sunday November through February. Please contact the office for any further information. The upcoming dates are also listed in the weekly bulletin.
2. Time: Baptisms are celebrated at 12:00 p.m.
3. Baptism Class: The Church prepares the parents before the baptism so that they can be guided on how to raise their child in the Catholic Faith. You can attend the Baptism Preparation Session on the last Sunday of the month right after the 10:30 Mass. The parish requires this for your first child only.
4. "Naming Mass": Our parish community also looks forward to praying with you before the baptism of your child at any one of our weekend Masses. The new parents and the child, with your family, have special seating in our church, and after the homily we welcome your child with a blessing and promise the prayers and support of our parish community.
5. Choosing Sponsors: See the separate page for the minimum requirements and sponsor certificate.
6. Donation to the Parish: Please use the baptism donation envelope for your donation to the parish. You can drop it off in the parish office before the baptism, or bring it with you to the ceremony.
7. Other Questions: We will be happy to also help you with these and other questions:
  - Can we help register you as a new family in our parish?
  - Can we help you discern your choice of godmother and/or godfather?
  - Do you have any questions about your marriage, so perhaps we can arrange for you to have your marriage blessed in the Catholic Church?

Should you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Sue Koz, Father Frank's Assistant at ([office@sjbwr.org](mailto:office@sjbwr.org)) or call 631-929-4339, ext. 110.

*Blessings on all God's Little Ones as they prepare to become part of the Catholic Church!*

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