

Baptism- Beginning Your Journey with Holy Trinity Parish

It is our hope to be open and welcoming to new families and to ensure we are nurturing and helping you to become full participating Catholic Christians in our community of Holy Trinity Parish. It is important for us to help your family grow in faith and offer learning, love and support while raising your children in the Catholic community. To be a follower of Christ is a lifelong journey and begins with the first step of Baptism. It is not a journey you take alone but one we travel together in support of each other. We want everyone to feel welcome but at the same time it takes sacrifice and discipline to be followers of Christ and begins with a commitment to support each other and the church.

Below you will find instructions on the steps to take to begin your family's journey with us. Links are included to several forms and documents which contain requirements and questions relating to your faith commitment and desire for Baptism in the Catholic faith.

All forms and information regarding Baptism at Holy Trinity Parish can be found on our website here:

<https://www.holytrinitypinconning.org/baptism/>

1. Parents must be a member of Holy Trinity Parish or become a member by completing the [Member Registration Form](#).
 - a. A membership consists of:
 - i. Registered as belonging to our church community of Holy Trinity Parish for at least three months.
 - ii. Attending Mass at Holy Trinity Parish regularly
 - iii. Receiving donation envelopes and submitting a weekly donation of any amount they feel appropriate for their family.
2. You will begin the process of Baptism by contacting the Parish at 989-879-4121 or Terry Stevens by text or phone at 989-965-2146 or email tstevens@holytrinityparish.com
 - a. Feel free to communicate with Terry by text or email any questions you have at any time.
3. Complete the "[Pre-Baptismal Inquiry Form](#)" and the "[A Plan A Faith For Our Family](#)" and email or text the completed documents to Terry Stevens (see contact information above)
4. The forms will be reviewed, and you will be contacted if there are any further questions.
5. Once the forms are reviewed and questions answered, you will be sent a link to register for a three-hour baptismal class which will be held using Zoom online.
 - a. Both parents are required to attend the class and it is highly recommended the God Parents (at least one but not more than two) attend as well. Any additional relatives or friends you want to attend with you are also welcome.
6. Prior to class you will want to complete the following forms which will be submitted to the office after you have attended the class. You can email or text the completed forms to Terry Stevens:
 - a. [Baptism Registration Form](#)
 - b. [Baptism Godparents Form](#) (must have at least one, but not more than two) See the form for requirements for Godparents. If not members of Holy Trinity Parish a signed letter will be required from their home parish Pastor or Director of Parish Life confirming they are practicing their faith.
 - c. [Baptism Christian Witness Form](#) (optional in the place of one God Parent – must be a baptized Christian)
7. At the completion of the Baptismal Class all attendees will receive a certificate and Terry will forward all forms and certificates to the Church Office.
8. At the completion of all steps above you will be advised to contact the Church office to schedule the Baptism.
 - a. Baptisms are normally celebrated every other month at the 10:30 am mass.
 - b. Due to COVID-19 restrictions there may be a few months wait time for the baptism to take place, depending on the number of families requesting at the same time.