



## St. Frances de Chantal

At Saint Frances, Baptisms are celebrated at 1:30 on Sundays. Baptism is also celebrated during the Sunday Liturgies.

*Baptism is not celebrated during the season of Lent.*

*See Website for available Sunday Celebrations*

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## Parents Prayer

Loving God, thank you for the gift of *name* who is wonderful and precious

Help us to nurture, and love *name* in times of joy and goodness and in times of pain and struggle.

Teach us how to help *name* to become all that You dream for him/her.

*Bless your child making the sign of the cross on his/her forehead as you say....*

*Name, I bless you in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit...Amen*

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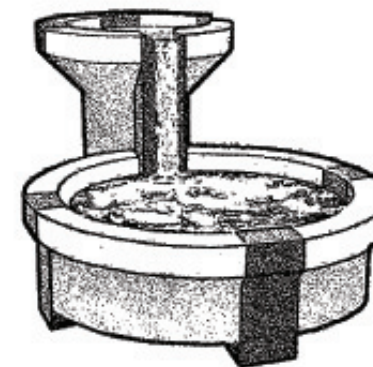


## Baptism Ministry Program

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**Coordinator**

516-785-2333, ext. 217



## God Parents

Choosing godparents for your child is an important decision. The role of a godparent is to be a witness to, an example of and a guide in the Catholic Christian faith for the newly baptized.

While we often choose a family member or close friend who will love and care for our child, this is not sufficient. To be a godparent at a Catholic baptism, one must be at least sixteen years old and have celebrated the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist. The person must be practicing his or her faith and committed to helping the baptized child to grow in the faith.

Only one godparent is necessary. If two are chosen, one must be a man and the other a woman. While one godparent must be Catholic, a second person who is a Christian can be chosen as a Christian witness.

Knowing what is required of the godparent/witness it is understandable that a non-Christian cannot be chosen for this role.

## Infant/Child Baptism

Since word spread that a new life was expected, there has been a flurry of activity in preparation for and celebration of your child. Excitement and joy has or will mark the welcoming of this child into your home by you, your family and your extended family.

In Baptism, your child is welcomed by a specific parish into the Catholic Christian community and becomes a part of the Body of Christ, the Church. The Baptismal ritual is an outward sign of the grace of God, which strengthens new Christians and makes them members of a community of people who are committed to live according to the teaching of Jesus Christ.

You have chosen to have your child baptized at Saint Frances de Chantal, and It is with joy that the parish staff and the people of the parish will welcome your child as a new member of the faith community. We want to assist you as you prepare for the celebration of the Sacrament and to support you in the days ahead as you raise your child in the Catholic faith.

## Baptism Preparation Process

(The following process is for all children who have not reached the age of seven. After seven the child will be welcomed into the Rite of Christian Initiation.)

- Schedule an appointment with a Priest, a Deacon or Sister Lauren to discuss the Baptism of your child. Call 516 785 2333 ext 217. *The preferred time to meet is during the 4th month of pregnancy.*
- Attend the required Baptism preparation class unless you have attended one within the last three years.
- Reflect on and choose godparents who will assist you in raising your child in the Catholic faith.
- Take time individually and as a couple to reflect on your reasons for baptizing your child.
- Pray for God's blessing as you begin this journey of sharing your faith with your child.

*\* For additional information please see website:*

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