



Baptism Application

# St. John's Episcopal Church

*We are gathered to celebrate God's gifts and sent to respond to the needs of the world.*

Date of Application \_\_\_\_\_ 20 \_\_\_\_\_

Full Name \_\_\_\_\_ Sex \_\_\_\_\_

Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Full Name \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Full Name  
(include Maiden Name) \_\_\_\_\_

Parents' Residence \_\_\_\_\_

Parents' Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Parents' email \_\_\_\_\_

Religious Affiliation of Parents \_\_\_\_\_

Witnesses  
or  
Sponsors

1. \_\_\_\_\_

Residence \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

Residence \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

Residence \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Place of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Place of Baptism \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Baptism \_\_\_\_\_ Hour \_\_\_\_\_

## Basic Information/Frequently asked questions

Parents desiring their child to be baptized should have attended services at St. John's at least three times.

Picking the date: The church encourages baptisms on Sundays four times a year, All Saints Day, The Baptism of Christ, Easter, and Pentecost. At St. John's we make other arrangements for family and pastoral reasons.

Application: Please fill out the baptism application by the second preparation session.

The clothing: a white baptismal garment is optional. The child may be naked or clothed, dunked or splashed!

Godparents: the tradition is three, two of the same gender as the child. They may or may not be the legal guardians. Parents & Godparents from no religious background, another religious tradition, or Christian Denomination are welcome. At least one parent and one godparent should be a Baptized Christian. Godparents are encouraged to remember their godchild on Christian holidays and the baptism day.

Cost: There is no charge for baptisms. You are welcome to make a donation to the church.

Church Membership: Baptism is the ceremony by which you enter the Christian community. Adults who are baptized and parents of children to be baptized are expected to be part of a Christian community. Being a member of St. John's is a different process; people who attend and contribute financially with some regularity to the church are considered members of this church. Adults become Episcopalians through baptism, confirmation or reception by the bishop.

Making a Will: *"The Minister of the Congregation is directed to instruct the people, from time to time, about the duty of Christian parents to make prudent provision for the well-being of their families, and of all persons to make wills, while they are in health, arranging for the disposal of their temporal goods, not neglecting, if they are able, to leave bequests for religious and charitable uses."* From The Book of Common Prayer page 445