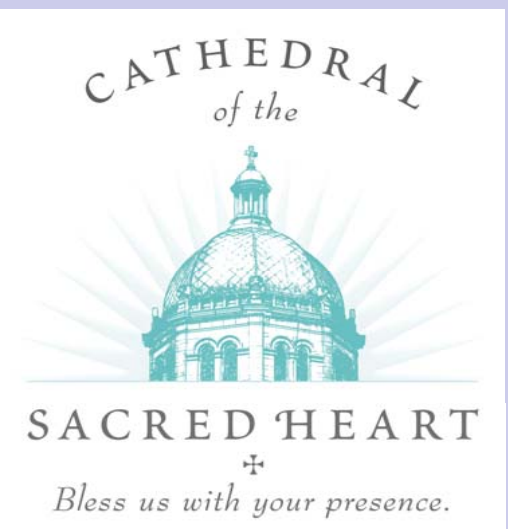


# Baptism at Cathedral



*Our community rejoices in celebrating together with parents the beginnings of their Christian journey with children.*



(Please see complete instructions in this brochure. print all information)

## INFANT BAPTISM REGISTRATION

Today's Date \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

1) Preparing for baptism here at the Cathedral  or at another parish?

2) Full name of child \_\_\_\_\_

3) Are you bringing more than one child under 5 years old to baptism? Y N If Yes, How many? \_\_\_\_\_

4) Family Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

5) Sex: M \_\_\_\_\_ F \_\_\_\_\_ 6) Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ 7) City/State/Country of birth \_\_\_\_\_

8) Mother's **FULL MAIDEN** name \_\_\_\_\_

Religion \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime phone ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_ Evening phone ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

9) Father's full name \_\_\_\_\_

Religion \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime phone ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_ Evening phone ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

10) Names by which parents wish to be introduced at baptism liturgy \_\_\_\_\_

11) Godfather's Full Name (Only one): \_\_\_\_\_

Catholic \_\_\_\_\_ or, Baptized other Christian? \_\_\_\_\_.

12) Name ( ) Godmother's Full Only One): \_\_\_\_\_

Catholic \_\_\_\_\_ or, Baptized other Christian? \_\_\_\_\_.

13) Will either Godparent be present by proxy? Y N Which one? Godmother \_\_\_\_\_ Godfather \_\_\_\_\_ Need a proxy? Y N

14) Name of Proxy(ies) \_\_\_\_\_

15) Preferred liturgy and date for Baptism: (Choose time and date)

Oct 4 ('08) Saturday 5:15pm \_\_\_\_\_, Oct 5 ('08) Sunday, 9:00am \_\_\_\_\_, 11:00am \_\_\_\_\_

Jan 10 ('09) Saturday 5:15pm \_\_\_\_\_, Jan 11 ('09) Sunday, 9:00am \_\_\_\_\_, 11:00am \_\_\_\_\_

Apr 18 ('09) Saturday 5:15pm \_\_\_\_\_, Apr 19 ('09) Sunday, 9:00am \_\_\_\_\_, 11:00am \_\_\_\_\_

Jun 27 ('09) Saturday 5:15pm \_\_\_\_\_, Jun 28 ('09) Sunday, 9:00am \_\_\_\_\_, 11:00am \_\_\_\_\_

16) Reserved seating is needed for? \_\_\_\_\_ (number of people) 17) Cathedral to provide candle? Y \_\_\_\_\_ N \_\_\_\_\_

18) Confirmation of this registration and further instructions are sent by email unless otherwise noted. Please check how you would like to be notified: Mother's Email \_\_\_\_\_ Father's Email \_\_\_\_\_ US Mail \_\_\_\_\_

**The box below is for Cathedral office use only:**

Date Received \_\_\_\_\_ Church of Baptism \_\_\_\_\_

Officiant \_\_\_\_\_ CC \_\_\_\_\_ REC \_\_\_\_\_

PDS \_\_\_\_\_ Cert \_\_\_\_\_

## THE MINISTRY OF PARENTS!

The Cathedral welcomes you and your child. The celebration of Baptism is a joyous occasion both for you and for your parish family.

Registered parishioners at the Cathedral, need only fill out the form on this brochure; interested new parishioners should additionally fill out a parish registration form which can be found at the entrance to the church

or online at [www.richmondcathedral.org](http://www.richmondcathedral.org)

We celebrate baptism [at three masses] four weeks a year. Normally we limit the number of infants at each mass to five.

Once we have received the form in this brochure, we will notify you by email or by US Mail (your choice) and confirm the liturgy you have requested. We may wait to confirm several registrations together. We *will* contact you immediately if your choice is not possible. If your form is incomplete, we will contact you about what information we need. We can reserve a date only when the birth date of the child is given.



If you belong to another parish and wish to baptize your child at the Cathedral, please have your pastor send us written permission and enclose it with the Baptism Registration Form.

### Baptism and Formation schedule 2008-09

October 4-5 (2008) baptisms at 3 Masses Formation, Sept. 27, 8:30-10:30am\*

January 10-11 (2009) baptisms at 3 Masses Formation, Jan 3, 8:30-10:30am\*

April 18-19 (2009) baptisms at 3 Masses Formation, Apr 4, 8:30-10:30am\*

June 27- 28 (2009) baptisms at 3 Masses Formation, June 20, 8:30-10:30am\*

\*All formation takes place in the Cathedral parish hall.

## THE MINISTRY OF GODPARENTS!

The call to be a godparent is a call from the Holy Spirit to be a good role model of God's unconditional love for the child.

Parents should choose godparents based on their history of living the Christian life and on the expectations of their being involved as the child matures in faith. A godparent should be at least 16, a Catholic who has been confirmed, has received the Holy Eucharist, and who leads a life of faith.

Each child must have one godparent and may have two, one male and one female. A baptized member of another Christian church may participate as a Christian Witness with a Catholic godparent at the baptism.

Parents, please complete the INFANT BAPTISM REGISTRATION FORM on the reverse side and return it to the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart.

If you have questions, please call:

Shelley Rosteck  
Minister of Christian Formation  
804-359-5651  
MRosteck@richmondcathedral.org



Parents or Godparents who are Cathedral members but want to prepare for Baptism at another parish should check the box on question # 1 of the registration form, and fill out baby's name, parents or godparents names and the following.

Complete Name and Mailing address of church of baptism.

Street \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ St \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Date of planned Baptism \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Priest or Deacon officiating \_\_\_\_\_

Date you wish to attend formation at Cathedral?

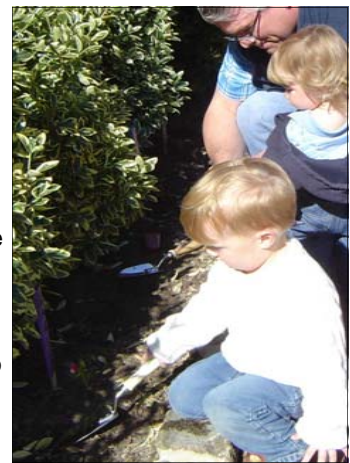
Sept 27 \_\_\_\_; Jan 10 \_\_\_\_; Apr 4 \_\_\_\_; June 20 \_\_\_\_

## THE MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH!

Preparing for Baptism at Cathedral is a family affair! Through sharing the stories of our faith and our tradition we are formed in that faith and prepared for Baptism by the word of God and having a meal together. Families attend a breakfast meeting with their children and with other families who will celebrate baptism the same weekend. The Formation Breakfast centers on the meaning of the sacrament through the signs and symbols of our faith, followed by liturgical preparation and ending with the beginnings of the new journey in faith with our children and how to lead them to the love of Christ through our own modeling.

Parents, children to be baptized, and siblings are expected to attend the breakfast formation. Grandparents, godparents and any other family members are most welcome to attend. They usually occur the Saturday morning prior to the weekend of baptism with some exceptions. (See the Baptism and formation schedule in this brochure).

An email or letter will be sent with full instructions when the registration form in this brochure is received.



Cathedral Baptism families plant flowers that the parish family can help grow!

### Instructions for Baptism Registration Form

Please write legibly, the official Baptismal certificate is transcribed from the information on this form

- Check whether you are celebrating baptism here at the Cathedral or trying to prepare for Baptism elsewhere (Parents or Godparents).
- Child's full name, If unsure yet, write "baby" and last name. The form is not considered complete until the child is named. See question 6
- Let us know if you are bringing more than one child to baptism but use a separate form for each child.
- Current address where child and family resides. Please be complete with street and any unit numbers.
- Sex of the child to be baptized.
- Date of child's birth, If child is not born yet, leave blank. Form will not be considered complete until child is born. Please email [mrosteck@richmondcathedral.org](mailto:mrosteck@richmondcathedral.org) with birth date and or name as soon as possible.
- Place of child's birth. Tell us the county or city and the state and country of child's birth.
- Name of Mother. Please use Mother's full MAIDEN NAME. (Maiden names never change and are therefore used in the baptismal records.)  
Please Include the Mother's full contact information.
- Name of father. Please use full name, also tell us full contact information.
- How do you wish to have parent's names announced at the liturgy? Eg. Mr. & Mrs. John Smith? Jane Smith and John Doe? Just Jane Smith? etc.
- Godfather's full name. Please read the section of this brochure titled "Ministry of Godparents"
- Godmother's full name, Also be sure you have read "Ministry of Godparents"
- If Godparent/s cannot be present at the baptism, They can be represented by a proxy. If a godparent cannot be present, please circle which one or both.
- Name of the proxy(ies). Check the box if you would like us to suggest a Cathedral parishioner as proxy.
- Please choose a date and a Mass time listed on this brochure. If the schedule of baptisms for that date and time are full, we will immediately contact you with the choice of a different Mass the same weekend or a later date.  
*Other arrangements for baptism should be made with one of the Cathedral priests or deacons.*
- Tell us how many people will be attending. We can reserve space for approximately 25-30, including the baptismal party.
- Cathedral will provide a baptismal candle used as part of the sacrament when your child is given the "Light of Christ." In some family traditions that candle is a gift from the child's Godparents or others. If so, bring the candle on the day of the baptism before the liturgy begins.
- We will confirm your mass choice by email unless you prefer US mail. Please specify which email address to use.

Deposit the completed form in the collection basket during any weekend liturgy or, Mail to Cathedral of the Sacred Heart, 800 S. Cathedral Place, Richmond VA 23220, Or fax to 804-358-8043