

Baptism at
St. Thomas Episcopal Church

Book of Common Prayer, page 298

Each candidate for Holy Baptism is to be sponsored by one or more baptized persons. Sponsors of adults and older children present their candidates and thereby signify their endorsement of the candidates and their intention to support them by prayer and example in their Christian life. Sponsors of infants, commonly called godparents, present their candidates, make promises in their own names, and also take vows on behalf of their candidates. It is fitting that parents be included among the godparents of their own children. Parents and godparents are to be instructed in the meaning of Baptism, in their duties to help the new Christians grow in the knowledge and love of God, and in their responsibilities as members of his Church.

Title III, Canon 9, Sec 5(b)(3), Constitution and Canons of the Episcopal Church

It shall be [the] duty [of priests] to ensure that persons be prepared for Baptism. Before baptizing infants or children priests shall ensure the sponsors be prepared by instructing both the parents and the godparents concerning the significance of Holy Baptism, the responsibilities of parents and godparents for the Christian training of the baptized child, and how these obligations may properly be discharged.

For Office Use

Application Date _____

Baptism Date _____

Pre-baptism Instruction by _____

Instruction date & time _____

Register posted _____

Database updated _____

Baptismal Information

Please print information clearly and return the form to the Parish Office before you attend the Baptism Preparation Classes. All information is confidential.

Candidate

Date requested for Baptism (approximate dates are listed on the back) _____

Name _____ Phone _____
First Middle Last

Address _____
Street City State Zip

Birth date _____ Gender M F Birth place (City and State) _____

Father's Full Name _____
First Middle Last

Present church Affiliation _____ Baptized (Denomination) _____

Mother's Full Name _____
First Middle Maiden Last

Present church Affiliation _____ Baptized (Denomination) _____

Please provide your email address _____

Reason for selecting St. Thomas _____

Sponsors

Full Name _____

Address _____

Baptized (Denomination) _____

Full Name _____

Address _____

Baptized (Denomination) _____

Full Name _____

Address _____

Baptized (Denomination) _____

Full Name _____

Address _____

Baptized (Denomination) _____

St. Thomas Episcopal Church
Practicing the Hospitality of God



Our church is named for one of the first friends of Jesus who found it difficult to believe in the possibility of the new life we call Resurrection. The Bible describes a scene in which the Risen Jesus finally appears to Thomas and invites him to touch the wounds that Jesus still bears. Jesus says to Thomas, "Do you believe because you have seen? I tell you, blessed are they who have not seen and yet believe."

We believe these words are addressed to us today. St. Thomas Church is a place where new life still makes possible faith and trust in the Risen Christ.



Baptism Preparation Classes for parents and sponsors of children are held at 10:00 am on two consecutive Saturday mornings before one of the following baptism days:

The Baptism of Our Lord Jesus Christ in January

Holy Saturday Easter Vigil in March or April

Easter Day in March or April

The Day of Pentecost in May or June

All Saints Sunday in November



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Holy Baptism



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