

Come! Let Us Pray..



Sponsor Eligibility

Being called upon to be a Godparent/ Sponsor is a blessing and a privilege that comes with the responsibility of being a practicing Catholic. Please read the following to determine if you meet the requirements to be a Godparent/ Sponsor for someone's spiritual life.

Please check all that are true.

- I have received the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist*
- I have received the Sacrament of Reconciliation when necessary.*
- I am not the birth parent of the child.*
- I am sixteen (16) years of age or older*
- I participate regularly in Sunday Mass and receive Holy Communion as a Practicing Catholic. This includes giving to my parish to the best of my ability.*
- If married, in a marriage recognized by Catholic Church.*
- I am not presently under any impediments that would prevent me from the free Exercise of my faith as a member of the Catholic Church.*

I am a registered member of _____ which is located in _____.
I promise to give my support to _____ by my Prayers, by my continued interest in his/her growth as a Catholic, and be the Christian example of my daily life.

I realize and accept the serious responsibility I assume before God and the Church in becoming a Baptism Godparent/ Confirmation Sponsor. I do hereby solemnly declare that I fulfill all the requirements and by my signature I attest to the truth of these statements.

Name of Godparent/ Sponsor: (please print) _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Your Signature _____

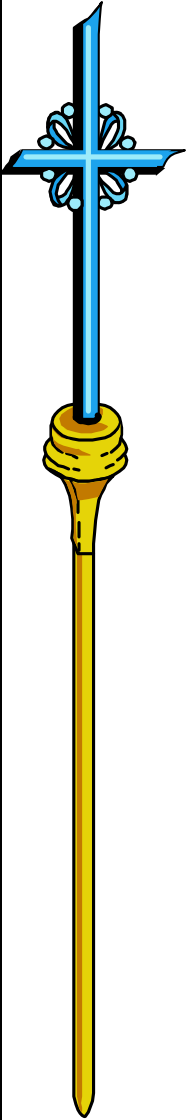
If you are registered in another parish other than St. Mary Parish Colts Neck, N.J., please have your parish priest attest to this form or the one they use.

Reverend _____ ***Date*** _____

Church Seal

Baptism Godparents / Confirmation Sponsors

Canon (Church) Law states:



- Must be a practicing, confirmed Catholic in good standing with the Church.
- Must be a confirmed Catholic and at least Sixteen (16) years of age.
- Cannot be a birth parent (step-parents or guardians are acceptable).
- At Confirmation, it is desirable, but not mandatory, to choose as a Sponsor the one who undertook the same function in baptism.
- Godparents/ Sponsors are not expected to be proficient in church doctrine. Most likely, they have been chosen by the parents/ candidate because of their friendship and trusts which are most valued traits.
- Godparents/ Sponsors should pray for and with their candidate during this sacramental formation. Mass attendance with the candidate fosters close relationships.
- Another person may stand in as **proxy** for a Godparent/ Sponsor who is unable to attend.
- All Sponsor Forms are due back to the Parish Office as soon as possible, and a Church Seal should be embossed on the form.
- Godparents/ Sponsors who belong to St. Mary Parish **must** have this form filled out with the seal embossed. Check your status with the Parish Office.
- Sponsors must not be bound by any canonical penalty legitimately imposed or declared – example: if married, in a marriage NOT recognized by the church, etc.