

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

Holy Baptism Information Form

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased." -The Gospel of Mark, chapter 1, verses 9-11

"We thank you Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in His death. By it we share in His resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit." -The Book of Common Prayer, from Romans chapter 6

We love a baptism! Baptism into Christ's Body the Church is part of our communal life at St. Andrew's, taking place on Sunday mornings as part of our celebration of the Eucharist. Prior to baptism, the clergy meet with Candidates and their Sponsors to reflect on the meaning of baptism. Given baptism's communal nature, Candidates should attend worship at St. Andrew's regularly for a period of six months leading up to baptism, unless for good cause prevented. Baptisms are usually scheduled at least eight weeks in advance. Whether you are coming to baptism later in life, or are parents presenting an infant for baptism, this is a time to slow down, examine your values and commitments, and explore the beautiful mystery of joining your life to the ongoing life of Christ in His Church.

To share your hope for baptism, please call or e-mail Rev. Reed, at 746-3415 or Reed@StAndrewsHopkinton.org, or return this form to the church office, at Office@StAndrewsHopkinton.org.

SECTION I – CANDIDATE INFORMATION

Candidate's Full Name (no initials) _____

Birth date _____ Sex _____ Birth place (City and State) _____

Address _____ Phone _____

Expected Baptism Date (if known, determined in conversation with priest.) _____

Guardian's Full Name (if sponsoring, no initials.) _____

Present church Affiliation _____ Baptized? _____

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Please provide email addresses for all _____

Address & Phone of Candidate/Parent Sponsors _____

SECTION II – SPONSOR INFORMATION

Godparents and Sponsors must be baptized Christians. *"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 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."*

-The Book of Common Prayer

Please give **full names** (no initials) of each godparent, including maiden name, as necessary.

1. Full Name _____

2. Full Name _____

3. Full Name _____

4. Full Name _____