


Corpus Christi Parish
Baptism Checklist
Please Complete All of the Following Items

 **Contact the Parish Office, 872-2281, to enroll in the program**

 **Attend a Baptism Preparation Class**

Classes are held monthly—when you call the Parish Office you can get specific details regarding time and place of the next class.

 **Choose Godparents**

Selecting Godparents: Godparents play a very important role in your child's spiritual life as role models of the faith. The child should be able to look to their Godparent as an example of how the church teaches us to live our Catholic faith. They should also support you, the parents, with the important task of raising your child in the faith. Being a Godparent is not only an honor, it is a tremendous responsibility. Therefore, the Godparents should be carefully chosen. In recognizing the importance of this role, the Church has provided guidelines to help parents choose the best possible Godparents for their children. Corpus Christi Parish strictly adheres to Canon Law in all aspects of Baptism. If potential Godparents are not practicing members of the church or have converted from the Catholic faith to any other faith, they should not be considered and will not be accepted.

The Church requirements for Roman Catholic Godparents are:

- A child must have one practicing Roman Catholic Godparent in good standing with the Church. They should be attending Mass on a regular basis and participating in the life of the parish.
- This Catholic Godparent must be at least 16 years old and be mature enough to understand, accept and carry out the duties of a godparent. A Godparent must have received the Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation. If they are married they need to have been married in the Catholic Church.
- A Godparent must be living an exemplary life consistent with faith and morals as taught by the Roman Catholic Church.
- A non-Catholic, baptized Christian may be chosen as a Christian Witness, as long as one Godparent is Catholic.
- If two Godparents are chosen, they may not be of the same gender.
- There may be no more than two Godparents.
- If both Godparents are Catholic, both must meet all the criteria above.

Secure Godparent Certificates

This is a letter from the Godparent's church signifying that they are practicing members of the church in good standing and therefore they are fit to be a Catholic Godparent. Godparent certificates must be received by our parish office before a Baptism can be scheduled.

They can be mailed to:

Baptism Preparation Coordinator
Corpus Christi Parish
70 Pleasant St.
Waterville, ME 04901

or faxed to:

Baptism Preparation Coordinator
Corpus Christi Parish
207-877-0675

If you have any questions you can contact Kim Suttie at 872-2281 or e-mail at kim.suttie@portlanddiocese.org

Call the Parish Office, 872-2281, to schedule the Baptism

You will receive a phone call or email notifying you when we have received the Godparent Certificates and the paperwork is complete. After you receive this notification you can call the Parish Office to schedule the Baptism. The office will not schedule a Baptism without the completed paperwork. Baptisms can be scheduled on any Saturday throughout the year at 2:00pm at either St. John's or Notre Dame.

Celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism with your Family and the Parish Community

Raise Your Child in the Faith to be an Active Member of the Catholic Church

Corpus Christi Parish will support you throughout your child's life with mailings, our Faith Formation Program and other Parish Events.

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.

Matthew 28:19-20