

### Baptism Instruction Classes

*(Classes are held in the Rectory, Hunt Meeting Room at 7:00 PM)*

**January 8, 2019                      February 5, 2019**

**March 5, 2019                        April 9, 2019**

**May 7, 2019                          June 4, 2019**

**July 9, 2019                         August 6, 2019**

**September 9, 2019                October 8, 2019**

**November 5, 2019                 December 3, 2019**

### Celebration of Baptism

*(Baptisms are celebrated in the Main Church after the noontime Mass.)*

**January 12 & 13, 2019              February 9 & 10, 2019**

**March 9 & 10, 2019                April 13, 2019**

**May 11 & 12, 2019                 June 8 & 9, 2019**

**July 13 & 14, 2019                 August 10 & 11, 2019**

**September 14 & 15, 2019        October 12 & 13, 2019**

**November 9 & 10, 2019          December 7 & 8, 2019**

Baptism is the first step in your child's life of faith. Immaculate Conception School offers quality, affordable Catholic education from early childhood programs through eighth grade. Contact the school office at 212-475-2590 for more information or to arrange a tour.

*Church of the Immaculate Conception*

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*January 2019*

Dear Parents,

Congratulations and welcome as you prepare for the baptism of your child. We rejoice with you on this happy occasion!

This leaflet contains important information for your child's baptism. Registration for the baptism requires a parent (or the legal guardian) to meet with one of the parish priests for an intake session. It is a good idea to call the Rectory Office and make an appointment one month before the desired date of baptism. Please keep in mind that nothing is "official" until the child is properly registered.

We look forward, as does the parish community of Immaculate Conception, to the baptism of your child. May it be to you, always a day filled with meaning, prayerfulness and joy. May Christ Jesus, who is the source of all good things, send you every blessing.

Sincerely,

*The Priests & Staff of Immaculate Conception Church*

## DOCUMENTS

In preparation for the Baptism, please bring required documents to the intake session, if applicable, as follows:

- a. An original Birth Certificate.
- b. If you live outside the boundaries of Immaculate Conception Parish (for example: Brooklyn, Queens, or Upper Manhattan), a letter of permission is required from the Pastor of your home parish. The Archdiocesan policy is that wherever you have lived for the past six months is your home parish.
- c. If the godparents live outside the parish, a sponsor's certificate from their home parish is also required.

## GODPARENT SELECTION

A Godparent has an important lifelong spiritual relationship with the child and parents. Being a godparent is a commitment and a responsibility; it is not a symbolic role.

At least one Catholic godparent is required. If you have two godparents, one must be a man and the other a woman.

a. Persons selected to be sponsors (godparents) must be a Catholic in good standing, at least 16 years of age, having received the needed Sacraments (Baptism, Confirmation and First Communion) and attending Sunday Mass weekly. If married, they should be married by the Church.

b. A non-Catholic may not serve as a godparent. However, when there are two godparents (one of them Catholic), a person from another Christian denomination may serve as a Christian witness to the baptism.

c. If they are not a registered parishioner of Immaculate Conception, they will need a statement of eligibility from their home parish.

We ask you to keep these few criteria in mind when choosing a godparent so as to avoid ill-feelings among family and friends.

## INSTRUCTION CLASS

Please attend the Baptism Instruction Class which is held on the Tuesday before the Baptism. Dates are listed on the back. The Instruction is at 7:00 p.m. at the Rectory, 414 East 14<sup>th</sup> Street. If possible, please leave your child(ren) at home with a responsible adult.

Please turn off your phones when in class. The class should be run without distractions.

*Both parents and godparents are required to attend the meeting.* If you and/or the godparents live outside the parish boundaries, it may be more convenient to attend instruction in your home parish. If so, a letter should be obtained from your home parish stating that you have attended baptismal instructions.

## STIPEND

The suggested offering for the ceremony is \$75. An envelope will be provided at the instruction session.

## SCHEDULING

The Sacrament of Baptism is generally celebrated on the second Saturday and Sunday of each month, as follows:

Sunday	1:30 PM	Saturday	1:00 PM
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God's blessing to you in the weeks ahead. If we can be of further assistance to you, please contact one of the priests at the Rectory. The phone number is 212-254-0200.

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The baptism of \_\_\_\_\_

is scheduled on \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_

The baptism instruction class is \_\_\_\_\_