

Requirements for Baptism

St. Martin of Tours Catholic Community
Fort Lee, Virginia

1. One or both parents must attend a Baptism Preparation Class. If a class has been attended within the past 3 years, this requirement can be waived if a dated certificate of completion is provided.
2. Both Godparents must attend a Baptism Preparation Class. If a class has been attended within the past 3 years, this requirement can be waived if a dated certificate of completion is provided.
3. A meeting must be set up with the Catholic Community Coordinator to complete the necessary forms for Baptism. This can take place during the Baptism Preparation Class, during office hours or before/after Sunday Mass.
4. Forms:
 - Request for Catholic Baptism
 - Catholic Sponsor/Godparent Letter of Good Standing for each Catholic Godparent (A Christian Witness Form can be substituted if one of the Sponsors is Christian but not Catholic)
5. Each child baptized should have at least one Catholic Godparent. If there are two Godparents, one must be male and one must be female. If the approved Godparents cannot attend the baptism, a proxy will be designated.
6. After completion of the class, the baptism can be scheduled for a Sunday Mass. Baptisms outside of the Sunday Mass are scheduled case by case. All paperwork must be completed and received at least one week prior to the scheduled baptism.
7. Non-AMS subjects of the St. Martin of Tours Catholic Community must have approval from the Diocesan pastor of the parish in whose parish boundaries they reside. Please ask if the Delegation of Sacrament is applicable.
8. Baptisms are not scheduled when there is visiting clergy. The Catholic Chaplain must approve the requested date of baptism.