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Welcome

I ask you to please take a few moments to read the following information that will guide you through the process to the Sacrament of Baptism here at St. John the Evangelist Church-Greece.

Congratulations on the anticipated arrival of your child or the birth of your child that has already taken place—truly a gift from God!

Initiating your preparation for the Sacrament of Baptism during your pregnancy is encouraged as it allows the best time for preparation.

I am pleased to know you have made the important decision to have your child baptized in the Catholic Church. If you haven't already done so, you will want to personally introduce yourselves to me and speak with me about your desire to have your child baptized here at our beloved St. John's.

If you are not already active parishioners here at our parish, and it is your intention to be, I ask that you commit/recommit yourselves for 6 months as active members of our faith community. It is through this commitment that you and your child, along with the example and support of godparents, will build a strong foundation and, together, grow in your Catholic faith. You will also receive the blessing of support from the faith community here at our beloved St. John's. We love our young families and together we grow in God's love.

The next step is to have you, the parents, contact the Parish Office (585)225-8980 so information can be obtained to begin the process. This allows us to accurately record your child's baptism into the parish sacramental record.

Thereafter, one of the parents will be asked to set up a date and time to come to the Parish Office to pick up paperwork, including a class booklet (nominal \$5 fee), and sign up for our Baptismal Preparation Class (attended by parents and preferably the godparents too). As we are in the midst of the pandemic, the class dates vary depending on the current circumstances. Please contact the Parish Secretary about class scheduling.

Selecting godparents is a very important part of preparing for the Sacrament of Baptism as they are, along with the parents, the primary examples and role models for living an active Catholic life; this includes attending Mass regularly and receiving the sacraments.

Parents, I ask you to read *A Call To Integrity* to help guide you in selecting godparents. Once selected, each godparent is asked to read this same information to help them determine if they can fulfill this special and important role. If there are any questions about selecting or fulfilling the role of a godparent, please speak with me, Fr. Peter Enyan-Boadu, Pastor, here at St. John's.

Once you have attended the class, the original signed and sealed godparent forms have been received here in the Parish Office along with the godparents' Baptismal Certificates (with other sacramental notations in place), please call the Parish Office about scheduling the very special day in the life of your child and the Catholic Church. Again, being in the midst of the pandemic, Baptisms are not currently taking place during weekend Mass and will be scheduled individually. Please know that during Lent there are no baptisms.

If you have any questions, please contact the Parish Office at (585)225-8980.
Rev. Peter Enyan-Boadu, Pastor