

## EMERGENCY BAPTISM

In an emergency, any baptized person may administer the Holy Baptism by water using the following: “ (Name), I baptize you in the Name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.” Any such baptisms should be promptly reported to the local Priest in charge and be recorded in the Church records. Any person who is baptized and survives the emergency shall be duly received at a later service of the Church.



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**THINKING ABOUT HOLY  
BAPTISM**

One of the greatest joys any church congregation can have is welcoming new Christians into the Body of Christ in Holy Baptism. Our Catechism states that Baptism is, "the sacrament in which God adopts us as his children and makes us members of Christ's body, the Church, and inheritors of the Kingdom of God." Baptism is a serious commitment and solemn occasion. In Baptism, candidates renounce evil and promise to follow Christ. The Baptized becomes united with Christ, both in his death and resurrection and is born into God's church family. Baptism delivers forgiveness of sins and bestows the gift of a newly risen life in the Holy Spirit.

**BAPTISM IS BELONGING TO  
GOD IN CHRIST**

**WHO MAY BE BAPTIZED?**

All adults and children who desire to be Baptized, must meet the following requirements and guidelines:

- It is desirable that a person be baptized in the Christian faith community in which they and/or their parents intend to be active. At the very least, adults seeking baptism should earnestly intend to become active in a Christian faith community.
- Parents of a child should be intent upon the raising the child in the Christian faith.
- Adults need to make an informed choice about becoming baptized and the commitment they are making to Christ and the Church. Classes may be helpful.

Adult Candidates for Baptism as well as the Sponsors and Parents of any child to be baptized will meet with the Priest before Holy Baptism is administered to discuss the intent of Holy Baptism, the promises they are about to make and to review the Liturgy for Holy Baptism in the Episcopal Book of Common Prayer.

**TIME AND PLACE FOR  
BAPTISM**

Since Holy Baptism is a sacrament which involves the overall community of faith, these guidelines should be followed:

- Baptisms will take place primarily on the following days: Easter Evening, Pascal Feast on Easter, Pentecost Sunday, the Sunday after All Saint's Day and the Sunday after the Baptism of our Lord.
- Other Sundays may also be deemed appropriate for Holy Baptism.
- Private baptisms are not scheduled.

**SPONSORS AND GODPARENTS**

- Each baptismal candidate is to have at least one sponsor who is a baptized Christian.
- Each baptismal candidate is to have at least one sponsor who is a member of St. Andrew's.
- When children are baptized, their parents are also included as godparents, but at least one other person should be chosen who will share in the care for the spiritual welfare of the child being baptized.
- Adult baptismal candidates choose an active member of the church who is willing to sponsor them and offer continued support and encouragement in their spiritual journey.