

Dear Parents:

Congratulations on the birth of your child! The Church and the parish family of St. Robert Bellarmine look forward with joy to celebrating the initiation of your child through the Sacrament of Baptism.

Baptisms are celebrated on the first and third Sundays of the month at 12:15 p.m. We ask that your family and your guests be in the church by 12:00 noon so that we can begin promptly. At the time of baptism, a donation is usually given to the Church as your means allow.

To assist you in the preparation of this sacrament, we have posted on our website the canonical requirements for Godparents and Christian Witnesses for Baptism. We ask that you review these requirements carefully and select the best possible sponsor for your child. Each Catholic sponsor, if not a parishioner of St. Robert's, must have a letter of eligibility from their present parish.

We ask that all documents pertaining to the baptism be submitted to the parish office at least two weeks prior to the date of the celebration. If documents are not in the parish office on time the baptism may be moved to a later date.

After the celebration of the sacrament, you are most welcome to take pictures in the sanctuary of the Church! Since the Blessed Sacrament is reserved in the church, **respect and proper decorum is expected** from all in attendance.

It is our hope and prayer that your child's baptism will be a joyous occasion and one which brings renewed grace to you and your family!

With prayerful best wishes, we are

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Reverend Monsignor James D. Beisel  
Pastor

Reverend Matthew K. Biedrzycki  
Parochial Vicar

Deacon George Morris, Jr.  
Deacon