



## ***Sacrament of Baptism***

### **Guidelines:**

**Baptism:** The Sacrament of Initiation in the Catholic Faith, is held at St. Matthew Parish on the first, second and third Sunday of each month immediately following the 11:30 Mass. In order to request a date, please fill out the Baptism Request Form. We will call you to confirm the requested date. Approximately a week before your scheduled Baptism, we will send you a reminder letter. Please notify us immediately if you will not be able to attend the Celebration of the Sacrament of Baptism as scheduled.

**Pre-Jordan Class:** If this is your first child, you are required to attend the Pre-Jordan Class which is held in the Church on the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM. There is no charge for this class. Both parents are encouraged to attend the class and you are welcome to bring your child with you if you choose to do so. Please register for this class by entering the date on which you choose to attend class on the Baptism Request Form, or you may call the Parish Office to register for the class at #610-828-0424, ext. 4.

**Sponsorship Letter:** We require at least one Sponsorship Eligibility Letter from the godparents of the child to be baptized. The godparent may request the letter by contacting their own parish office. This letter must be submitted to St. Matthew Parish Office before Baptism or you may bring it with you on Baptism Day.

**Private Baptism:** Baptism is intended to welcome your child into the Community of Faith at St. Matthew Parish. Therefore, we do not permit private Baptisms. There will be ***no exceptions.***