

**Saint Matthew the Evangelist Parish
Billerica MA
Baptism Preparation**

As you prepare for your child's entrance into the Catholic Faith, please complete the following worksheet. Email a copy back to me (dustin.batista@billericatholic.org) and have a copy prepared for our meeting to discuss.

1. Why do you want to have your son/daughter Baptised in the Faith?

To get a better sense of what Baptism is about, please watch on YouTube: "Sacraments 101: Baptism (why we baptize)", *and answer the questions below.* (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=05YB2jdHLsY&list=PL60396574E0A0B9A2>)

1. What are the Sacraments of Initiation? What does Pope Paul VI say about these three Sacraments?

2. Why do we need Baptism?

3. Babies are Baptized into the Faith Community... What is our job? How might YOU do that?

To get an understanding about the items used at Baptism, please watch on Youtube: “CHOSEN: Lesson 9, Seg. 3: The Symbols of Baptism”, and answer the questions below.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=csxZYI5J17U&feature=youtu.be>

1. What items and phrases are used during the Baptism? What do they represent and signify?

As Parents and God-Parents, your role is to raise the Baptised child in the faith, and be their role-model of the faith. To understand what that means, please watch on YouTube: “What Constitutes a Practicing Catholic?”, and answer the questions below.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jrGW5G8QqQ4&feature=youtu.be>

1. What are the 5 precepts of being a “Practicing Catholic”?
 - A.
 - B.
 - C.
 - D.
 - E.

2. Can you (Parents and God-Parents) fulfill this role? What changes can you make to ensure that you will be able to raise the child in the Faith and be a role-model?

In considering and choosing God-Parents for your children, do you understand what you are asking them to do? Do they understand what you are asking of them? To understand what that means, please watch on YouTube: “Belonging: Baptism in the Family of God - Role of Godparents”, *and answer the questions below. I encourage you to share this video with them and discuss your answers.*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gDQdsFzRGXE&feature=youtu.be>

1. How do you expect your chosen God-Parents to fulfill the following roles:

A. To Speak Faith on Behalf of the Child...

B. To Protect this Child “from the poison of sin”....

C. To Model and Intercede on Behalf of this Child...