



St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception Parish

Church: 2nd Street, Jersey City NJ 07302

Parish Office: 209 3rd St. Jersey City, NJ 07302

Requirements for Godparents:

According to Canon Law, the law governing the Catholic Church:

- 1.** Godparents should be at least 16 years old
- 2.** Godparents should be practicing Catholics and should have received the Sacraments of Baptism, Holy Eucharist and Confirmation. God parents are required to provide a certificate certifying that they have received the Sacrament of Confirmation. A copy of the certificate of Confirmation may be presented at the Baptism class, mailed to the Parish Office at 209 3rd Street, Jersey City, NJ 07302 or faxed (201) 333-1816. If this Certificate is not produced preceding the Baptism this person cannot serve as a Godparent. A marriage or baptism certificate with a notation of Confirmation is acceptable.
- 3.** The Godparents current lifestyles should be in accord with the Catholic Faith.
- 4.** If Married the Godparent needs to be in a marriage considered valid in the Catholic Faith.
- 5.** At least one Catholic Godparent in good standing is required. If one Godparent is a baptized, practicing member of another Christian denomination, this person is referred to as a "Christian Witness," and his or her role in the Baptism ceremony is the same as the Catholic Godparent, the expectation is that the Christian Witness will be a Christian role model for the child.

An Offering to St. Mary's Church:

We request that you make an offering to St. Mary Parish of at least \$50.00 on the occasion of the Baptism of your child. This contribution reflects the value you place on bringing your child into a new and lasting relationship with God and into membership in the Catholic Community. It also helps the Parish of Saint Mary to continue to provide opportunities for growth and development in the faith and love for your children, your family, and all its members.

165 Years serving our Community!