

Baptismal Policy Church of St. Cecilia

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POLICY OF ST. CECILIA PARISH REGARDING THE BAPTISM OF INFANTS

1. Unbaptized children over 6 years of age ***have to enter*** into the Religious Education Program for instruction.
2. Children 6 years and less will be baptized following these requirements:
 - a) *Parents should live in East Harlem and attend Mass at Saint Cecilia.*
 - b) *One godparents must be a practicing Catholics who have received the sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation*
 - c) *Circumstance may allow one of the godparents (sponsor) to be a baptized Christian.*
3. Parents from another parish who want to baptize their child at Saint Cecilia must bring a letter from their church of attendance stating they are parishioners.
4. Parents and godparents (sponsors) have to attend baptismal classes here at Saint Cecilia parish.
5. Godparents who live outside St. Cecilia's community or from other states have to attend instructions in their home parish and bring or send a confirmation letter from their pastor with a parish seal affixed and the above (see #2) required documents.
6. Parents must bring godparents sacramental information and the baby's birth certificate on the day of the interview. We have baptisms every last Saturday of the month – except during Lent. Baptismal classes are held every FIRST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH AT 1:00PM.
7. The suggested donation for procedure and certificate processing is \$50.00 for parishioners while it is \$100.00 for non parishioners.