

St. Peter Catholic Church

Point Pleasant Beach NJ

The Rite of Baptism



*“This is Our Faith,
The Faith of the Church
and
We are Proud to Profess it in
Christ Jesus”*

RECEPTION OF THE CHILD

CELEBRANT: What name do you give your child?

PARENTS: N.

CELEBRANT: What do you ask of God's Church for N.?

PARENTS: Baptism and Eternal Life

You have asked to have your child baptized. In doing so you are accepting the responsibility of training him (her) in the practice of the faith. It will be your duty to bring him (her) up to keep God's commandments as Christ taught us, by loving God and our neighbor. Do you clearly understand what you are undertaking?

PARENTS: We do.

Then the celebrant turns to the godparents and addresses them in these or similar words:

Are you ready to help the parents of this child in their duty as Christian parents?

GODPARENTS: We do.

The Celebrant continues:

N., the Christian community welcomes you with great joy. In its name I claim you for Christ our Savior by the sign of his cross. I now trace the cross on your forehead, and invite your parents (and godparents) to do the same.

He signs the child on the forehead, in silence. Then he invites the parents and (if it seems appropriate) the godparents to do the same.

CELEBRATION OF GOD'S WORD

Matthew 28: 18-20: 18

Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19 Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

HOMILY / REFLECTION

Intercessions

Then the prayer of the faithful is said:

CELEBRANT: Lord By the mystery of your death and resurrection, bathe this child in light, give him (her) the new life of baptism and welcome him (her) into your holy Church.

ALL: Lord, hear our prayer.

CELEBRANT: Through baptism and confirmation, make him (her) your faithful follower and a witness to your gospel.

ALL: Lord, hear our prayer.

CELEBRANT: Lead him (her) by a holy life to the joys of God's kingdom. **ALL:** Lord, hear our prayer.

CELEBRANT: Make the lives of his (her) parents and godparents examples of faith to inspire this child.

ALL: Lord, hear our prayer.

CELEBRANT: Keep his (her) family always in your love.

ALL: Lord, hear our prayer.

CELEBRANT: Renew the grace of our baptism in each one of us.

ALL: Lord, hear our prayer.

LITANY OF THE SAINTS

CELEBRANT: Holy Mary, Mother of God.

ALL: Pray for us.

Saint John the Baptist.

ALL: Pray for us.

Saint Joseph.

ALL: Pray for us.

Saint Peter and Saint Paul.

ALL: Pray for us.

Saint Francis

ALL: Pray for us.

Saint Clare

ALL: Pray for us.

All holy men and women.

ALL: Pray for us.

PRAYER OF EXORCISM AND ANOINTING BEFORE BAPTISM

Almighty and ever-living God, you sent your only Son into the world to cast out the power of Satan, spirit of evil, to rescue man from the kingdom of darkness, and bring him into the splendor of your kingdom of light. We pray for this child: set him (her) free from original sin, make him (her) a temple of your glory, and send your Holy Spirit to dwell with him (her). We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

We anoint you with the oil of salvation in the name of Christ our Savior; may he strengthen you with his power, who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

ALL: Amen.

CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT

My dear brothers and sisters, we now ask God to give this child new life in abundance through water and the Holy Spirit.

BLESSING AND INVOCATION OF GOD

Then, turning to the font, he says the following blessing (outside the Easter season).

Father, you give us grace through sacramental signs, which tell us of the wonders of your unseen power. In baptism we use your gift of water, which you have made a rich symbol of the grace you give us in this sacrament. At the very dawn of creation your Spirit breathed on the waters, making them the wellspring of all holiness. The waters of the great flood you made a sign of the waters of baptism, that make

an end of sin and a new beginning of goodness.

Through the waters of the Red Sea you led Israel out of slavery, to be an image of God's holy people, set free from sin by baptism. In the waters of the Jordan your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Spirit. Your Son willed that water and blood should flow from his side as he hung upon the cross.

After his resurrection he told his disciples: "Go out and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." Father, look now with love upon your Church, and unseal for her the fountain of baptism. By the power of the Spirit give to the water of this font the grace of your Son. You created man in your own likeness: cleanse him from sin in a new birth to innocence by water and the Spirit.

The celebrant touches the water with his right hand and continues:

We ask you, Father, with your Son to send the Holy Spirit upon the water of this font. May all who are buried with Christ in the death of baptism rise also with him to newness of life. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

RENUNCIATION OF SIN AND PROFESSION OF FAITH

Dear parents and godparents: You have come here to present this child for baptism.

By water and the Holy Spirit he (she) is to receive the gift of new life from God, who is love.

On your part, you must make it your constant care to bring him (her) up in the practice of the faith. See that the divine life which

God gives him (her) is kept safe from the poison of sin, to always grow stronger in his (her) heart.

If your faith makes you ready to accept this responsibility, renew now the vows of your own baptism. Reject sin; profess your faith in Christ Jesus. This is the faith of the Church. This is the faith in which this child is about to be baptized.

The celebrant questions the parents and godparents:

CELEBRANT: Do you reject Satan?

PARENTS AND GODPARENTS: I do.

CELEBRANT: And all his works?

PARENTS AND GODPARENTS: I do.

CELEBRANT: And all his empty promises ?

PARENTS AND GODPARENTS: I do.

Next the celebrant asks for the threefold profession of faith from the parents and godparents:

CELEBRANT: Do you believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth?

PARENTS AND GODPARENTS: I do.

CELEBRANT: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was born of the Virgin Mary, was crucified, died, and was buried, rose from the dead, and is now seated at the right hand of the Father?

PARENTS AND GODPARENTS: I do.

CELEBRANT: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic

Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting?

PARENTS AND GODPARENTS: I do.

The celebrant and the congregation give their assent to this profession of faith:

CELEBRANT: This is our faith. This is the faith of the Church. We are proud to profess it, in Christ Jesus our Lord.

All: Amen.

BAPTISM

The celebrant invites the family to the font and questions the parents and godparents:

CELEBRANT: Is it your will that N. should be baptized in the faith of the Church, which we have all professed with you?

PARENTS AND GODPARENTS: It is.

He baptizes the child, saying:

N., I baptize you

in the name of the Father,

and of the Son,

and of the Holy Spirit.

ANOINTING WITH CHRISM

Then the celebrant says:

God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ has freed you from sin, given you a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and welcomed you into

his holy people. He now anoints you with the chrism of salvation. As Christ was anointed Priest, Prophet, and King, so may you live always as a member of his body, sharing everlasting life.

ALL: Amen.

CLOTHING WITH THE WHITE GARMENT

The celebrant says:

N., you have become a new creation, and have clothed yourself in Christ. See in this white garment the outward sign of your Christian dignity. With your family and friends to help you by word and example, bring that dignity unstained into the everlasting life of heaven.

ALL: Amen.

PRESENTATION OF A LIGHTED CANDLE

Lighted Candle

The celebrant takes the Easter candle and says:

Receive the light of Christ

The celebrant then says:

Parents and godparents, this light is entrusted to you to be kept burning brightly. This child of yours has been enlightened by Christ. He (she) is to walk always as a child of the light. May he (she) keep the flame of faith alive in his (her) heart. When the Lord comes, may he (she) go out to meet him with all the saints in the heavenly kingdom.

EPHPHETHA OR PRAYER

OVER EARS AND MOUTH

The celebrant touches the ears and mouth of the child with his

The Lord Jesus made the deaf hear and the dumb speak. May he soon touch your ears to receive his word, and your mouth to proclaim his faith, to the praise and glory of God the Father.

ALL: Amen.

CONCLUSION OF THE RITE OF BAPTISM

Next there is a procession to the altar, unless the baptism was performed in the sanctuary. The lighted candle is carried for the child.

Lord's Prayer

The celebrant stands in front of the altar and addresses the parents, godparents, and the whole assembly in these or similar words:

Dearly beloved, this child has been reborn in baptism. He (she) is now called the child of God, for so indeed he (she) is. In confirmation he (she) will receive the fullness of God's Spirit. In holy communion he (she) will share the banquet of Christ's sacrifice, calling God his (her) Father in the midst of the Church. In the name of this child, in the Spirit of our common sonship, let us pray together in the words our Lord has given us:

All present join the celebrant in singing or saying:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

FINAL BLESSING

The celebrant first blesses the mother, who holds the child in her arms, then the father, and lastly the entire assembly:

CELEBRANT: God the Father, through his Son, the Virgin Mary's child, has brought joy to all Christian mothers, as they see the hope of eternal life shine on their children. May he bless the mother of this child. She now thanks God for the gift of her child. May she be one with him (her) in thanking him for ever in heaven, in Christ Jesus our Lord.

ALL: Amen.

CELEBRANT: God is the giver of all life, human and divine. May he bless the father of this child. He and his wife will be the first teachers of their child in the ways of faith. May they be also the best of teachers, bearing witness to the faith by what they say and do, in Christ Jesus our Lord.

ALL: Amen.

CELEBRANT: By God's gift, through water and the Holy Spirit, we are reborn to everlasting life. In his goodness, may he continue to pour out his blessings upon these sons and daughters of his. May he make them always, wherever they may be, faithful members of his holy people. May he send his peace upon all who are gathered here, in Christ Jesus our Lord.

ALL: Amen.

Celebrant: May almighty God, the Father, and the Son, + and the Holy Spirit, bless you.

ALL: Amen.