**THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

The celebration of Baptism within Mass is suspended.

Baptisms outside of Mass are to be celebrated one family at a time.

Consider scheduling Baptisms on other days in addition to Sunday.

**The number attending should adhere to social distance guidelines with a maximum of 25 persons, as at weekday Mass.**

**Masks are to be worn by all present. Everyone is to exit church immediately following Baptism.**

Only parents or godparents may hold the infant during the ceremonies.

Sanitizer should be used when there is any physical contact before, during or after Baptism.

Fresh Baptismal water is to be blessed, used and disposed of after each celebration.  A “shell” or other implement should be utilized to pour the water in the act of baptizing.  Pouring the water by hands alone is prohibited.

The signing of the cross and anointing should be done with a cotton ball or “Q-tip which should be burned or buried afterward.

The anointing with Oil of Catechumens and “Ephpheta” may be omitted at the celebrant’s discretion but touching during “Ephpheta” is prohibited.

Clothing with Baptismal garment options:

* Present garment (in its plastic wrap) it to the parents/godparents who clothe infant while celebrant says, “N…you have become a new creation…”
* If celebrant refers to the garment the infant is already wearing, he does not present the garment and says “N…you have become a new creation…”

**Group photographs in church after the Baptism are not permitted, all must exit building immediately.**

**The celebrant will not receive or make physical contact with the faithful after the Baptism; families should exit church immediately after Baptism in an orderly manner.**

**These guidelines will be shared with our guests.**

**Father signature:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Mother signature:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**