ST. MARY ANNE'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH
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Baptisms

Holy Baptism is full initiation by water and the Holy Spirit into Christ's Body, the Church. The bond which God establishes in Baptism is indissoluble. Each candidate for Holy Baptism is to be sponsored by one or more baptized persons. Sponsors of adults and older children present their candidates, thereby signifying their endorsement of the candidates and their intention to support them by prayer and example in their Christian life. Sponsors of infants, commonly called godparents, present candidates, make promises in their own names, and also take vows on behalf of their candidates. It is fitting that parents be included among the godparents of their own children. Parents and godparents are to be instructed in the meaning of Baptism, in their duties to help new Christians grow in the knowledge and love of God, and in their responsibilities as members of his Church. (BCP p.298)

We love to do Baptisms at St. Mary Anne's! Baptized babies, children, or adults are all a wonderful celebration of new life in Christ! We celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Baptism throughout the year at our Sunday morning services. Although several days during the year are particularly set aside for Baptisms (All Saints', Baptism of Our Lord, Great Vigil of Easter, and Day of Pentecost), we also schedule them at other mutually convenient times. At St Mary Anne's, the Rector has prepared a special baptismal sermon for the newly baptized. The personalized sermon was written in the form of a letter, and it is given as a keepsake at the conclusion of the service. The baptized person receives a candle keepsake, baptismal certificate; and infants and children receive a children's bible.