

# *Baptisms at Le Moyne*

## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

**Q: Who may have their child's baptism at The Panasci Family Chapel at Le Moyne College?**

A: Your child's baptism may be celebrated in the Le Moyne College Chapel if you are:

- A current Le Moyne College student.
- An alumnus/alumna of Le Moyne College.
- A current member of the faculty or staff of Le Moyne College.
- A son or daughter of a current member of the faculty, staff, Board of Trustees or Board of Regents of Le Moyne College.

**Q: When are Baptisms typically scheduled at The Panasci Family Chapel?**

A: At Le Moyne College, the baptism ceremony is not part of a regular Sunday Mass, but a separate celebration for family and friends. Baptisms are usually scheduled Saturdays between 11:00am and 4:00pm or Sundays between 1:00pm and 5:00pm. Baptisms cannot be held on holiday weekends or when large campus events are scheduled. All date and time requests are approved by through the Campus Ministry office before being formally scheduled. Weekday baptisms may be accommodated upon request.

**Q: Is there a fee for using the Panasci Family Chapel for my child's baptism?**

A: Yes. The Chapel Use Fee for a baptism is \$100.

**Q: How do I schedule a Baptism at Le Moyne?**

A: If you would like to celebrate your child's baptism at the Chapel, please contact the Campus Ministry Office at 315-445-4110. We will discuss scheduling, begin to fill out the registration form, and answer any questions you may have. Once we have confirmed your preferred date and time with the presider, and we have received the \$100 Chapel Use Fee, we will schedule your baptism.

**Q: What preparation is needed before having a baptism at The Panasci Family Chapel?**

A: If this is a baptism for your first child, you will be asked to meet with the presider at least one month prior to your child's baptism. This Baptism Preparation Class will help prepare parents and Godparents for the sacrament of Baptism and to welcome their child into the Church.

If you have already taken a Baptism Preparation Class with a previous child's baptism, you will not be asked to meet with a priest for this purpose.

**Q: Who can be a Godparent and what is their role in the baptism?**

A: The Godparent of a child presented for baptism pledges to help the parent(s) to keep the light of faith alive in the heart of the child and, if necessary, to assume primary responsibility for his/her faith formation. The person chosen for this responsibility:

- Is a fully initiated Catholic who has received all three sacraments of initiation (Baptism, First Communion and Confirmation)
- A baptized person who belongs to a non-catholic ecclesial community may be admitted only in company with a Catholic sponsor, and then simply as a witness to the baptism (Canon 874.2)
- Practices the Catholic faith and is a model of living the Christian life
- Is willing and able to undertake the stated responsibilities of the role
- Participates in the baptism preparation program offered in the parish to the best of their ability.

A Godparent must provide a Sponsor Certificate from their home parish one month prior to the baptism. This can be obtained from their parish office and mailed directly to:

**Le Moyne College  
Office of Campus Ministry  
1419 Salt Springs Road  
Syracuse, NY 13214**

**Q: Do I need to be registered with a parish to have my child's baptism at the Panasci Family Chapel?**

A: Although strongly encouraged, it is not a requirement that parents are currently registered with a parish. If you are not a current member of a parish at the time of your child's baptism, Le Moyne College will be listed as your home parish for official purposes. Your child's official baptismal records will be kept at Holy Cross Church in Dewitt. Le Moyne College does not maintain official sacramental records.

**Q: What happens after my child's baptism is concluded?**

A: At the conclusion of the baptism, parents will receive a certificate for their personal records, a baptismal candle, and a white baptismal garment. The notice of baptism will be sent to Holy Cross Church in Dewitt, where the official baptismal records for Le Moyne College are maintained. An official Certificate of Baptism will be mailed to you after the baptism has been recorded. If you or your child need an official copy of the Certificate of Baptism at any time in the future, please contact Holy Cross Church at 315-446-0473.

***Please contact Le Moyne College Campus Ministry at 315-445-4110 to schedule a baptism or if you have any other questions or concerns.***