

**St. Patrick Parish
Lawrence, MA
Religious Education Program 2020-2021**

We Are Baptized

Three key ideas for you and your children to remember this week:

1. “Holy Baptism is the basis of the whole Christian life, the gateway to life in the Spirit, and the door which gives access to the other sacraments. Through Baptism we are freed from sin and reborn as sons of God; we become members of Christ, are incorporated into the Church and made sharers in her mission” (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, n. 1213)
2. As baptized Christians, we are members of the Church. To be baptized means that we belong to a community of disciples of Jesus Christ. Regardless of our differences, whether in terms of age, gender, race, culture or social location, baptized women and men are one in the Lord. To be baptized is to live in communion with God and with one another.
3. Every baptized person has an obligation to give witness of their faith. We share in the mission of the Church to be to be evangelizers. That is, we all must announce with our words and with our actions the Good News (the Gospel) of Jesus Christ every moment, everywhere, and to everyone. We do this with joy because Jesus, the Lord, is alive!

For parents, guardians and other adults: If you want to learn more about Baptism and what it means to live like a baptized person, see the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, Ns. 1213 to 1284. Available online at

https://www.vatican.va/archive/ENG0015/_P3G.HTM