

Dear Parents who wish to have your child baptized in St. Anne's Church,

We rejoice with you for the wonderful gift of your child, which indeed is a blessing from God. The Bible says, "Children are a gift from the LORD; they are a reward from him" (Psalm 127:3). We congratulate you for taking the decision to baptize your baby and thus become a member of the Catholic Church.

I. Date and time of Baptism: Since we have many requests for baptism in English language in St. Anne's Church, the baptisms will be mostly group / common baptism which means that there will be more than one child for baptism on this day. It is very important to talk to the priest first, before you decide on the date of your child's baptism, book the Party Hall, make arrangements for the baptism reception etc.

II. The child's Birth / Name certificate: To begin the process of registration for the baptism we need your child's Birth / Name certificate, which you can obtain from the Folkekirke / Protestant church nearest to your vicinity, which you may in turn scan and e-mail to info@sanktannaekirke.dk. If you don't have a scanner, please take a picture of the document and e-mail it. Later on you can give a printed copy of this document along with all the other documents.

III. Parents contact details: When you contact the priest for the first time regarding your child's baptism, we encourage you to give both the parents' full name, e-mail address and mobile number for better communication.

IV. Information Meeting: For the practical and spiritual preparation for the celebration of the baptism we invite you to attend an information meeting before the date of baptism:

The Information Meeting will take place on the First Tuesday of every month at 6.30-7.30 pm in the Ministrants Sacristy (next to the parish office. Entrance door is through Hans Bogbinders Allé 4, at the back of the church). This meeting will mainly focus on the practical things like the different documents, other requirements for baptism etc. It is required that you attend this meeting at least a month before the date of your child's baptism. Please remember to register for this meeting by sending an e-mail to: info@sanktannaekirke.dk

At this meeting we will also focus on the spiritual aspects of baptism, the meaning of baptism, duties of the parents and Godparents etc. We encourage both the parents (obligatory) and Godparents (as much as possible) to attend both the meetings!

V. Documents required for baptism:

1. "Baptism and Family Registration Form".
2. Child's Birth / Name certificate
3. Baptism Certificate of the Father of the Child.
4. Baptism Certificate of the Mother of the Child.
5. Marriage Certificate of the parents (If married in the Church or civilly).

VI. Necessary requirements at the Baptism:

1. Baptismal candle for the child (Available in the parish office)
2. Candles for the Godparents (Optional, please bring your own)
3. A white dress / gown, which will be put on before or during the ceremony.

VII. Other information:

1. **Church Tax:** We encourage every Catholic to support the Catholic Church financially through Church Tax.

2. **Party Halls** are available for rent:

- a) **St. Clement's Hall:** max. capacity: 50 people.
- b) **St. Liguori Hall:** max. capacity: 150 people.

3. **Name Giving:** To know more about Danish rules about name giving, please follow the following link: <http://ast.dk/born-familie/navne/navnelister/godkendte-fornavne>

Wishing every blessing upon your baby and your family I look forward to seeing you all.

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