



St. Martin of Tours Church
37 Union Ave.
Amityville, NY 11701

Sponsor Requirements

- There may be one or two sponsors, but one is necessary. When there is one sponsor, he or she must be a Catholic who meets all requirements.
- One sponsor must be male, and the other female. There may not be two godmothers, or two godfathers.
- A Catholic sponsor must provide a signed "Sponsor Certificate" form, as well as proof of Sacraments (baptism and confirmation). ***Sponsors can request this from the parish in which they were baptized).**

Requirements for the Catholic sponsor

- At least 16 years old
- Baptized and confirmed
- Living an upright Catholic life
- If married, it must be a valid Catholic marriage. The Sponsor has to have been married in a Catholic Church.
- No penalties (e.g., left the Church). A Catholic who has left the Catholic Church cannot be a sponsor, and cannot be a "Christian witness" if they join another Christian communion.
- Cannot be either parent.
- A baptized non-Catholic must accompany a Catholic sponsor:
 - They are a "Christian witness" and not a "sponsor"
 - The other sponsor with a Catholic sponsor must be baptized. Jewish or Muslim or any other non-baptized are not permitted. ***Proof of baptism is required.**
 - The baptized non-Catholic must not be someone who has left the Church.
- There may be a proxy for the godparent.
- Names of sponsors and godparents may not be changed later.