

The Sacrament of Marriage



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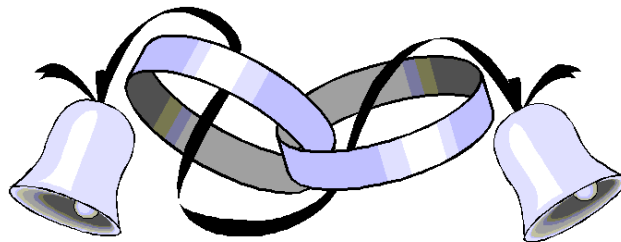
Dear Friend,

Congratulations on your engagement. Planning your wedding can be one of the most exciting times of your life. We are happy that you have chosen St. Joseph's Church to be a part of your special day. We want to help you plan a wedding ceremony or wedding mass that is spiritual and sacramental in accordance with the Catholic belief that marriage is a lifelong commitment and that it is a sacrament when it occurs between two baptized Christians. Marriage is both a natural institution and a sacred union. The Church sees marriage as a sign of the unconditional love God has for all people, and a sign of the unity in which all Christians are called to live.

Since planning a wedding can also be one of the most stressful times of your life, we have prepared this information pamphlet to help guide you through the process. In addition, you are receiving a publication called *Together for Life*, which will also serve as a resource for you as you plan your special day. Remember, we are here to help you. May this time of preparation for the Sacrament of Marriage be filled with every good grace that our Lord desires to give you.

With our prayers, love and blessings,

The Parish Family of St. Joseph's Church



GENERAL INFORMATION

The Sacrament of Marriage Paperwork Requirements

In preparing for your wedding, you will be asked to provide a number of documents. The list below indicates what the Church needs for its records. You are required to provide those marked with a check.

Recent copy of Baptismal Certificate – This comes from the Church of your Baptism and must be dated within six months of the Wedding date. Bride Groom

Copy of First Communion and Confirmation Certificates Bride Groom

Letter of freedom from your resident Pastor/Announcement of Banns Bride Groom

Letter of Consent from parents (if under the age of 21) Bride Groom

Certificate of Completion of Marriage Preparation Program Bride Groom

Permission / Dispensation (if necessary) Bride Groom

Parishioner

Non-Parishioner

In addition to the documents required by the Church, you will need a New York State marriage license. This may be obtained at any city, town or county clerks' office in the state of New York. Please call ahead to check with the clerk to determine any civil documents you may need.

St. Joseph's Church Wedding Ceremony Requirements

The offering for a wedding at St. Joseph's Church is \$ 600 for parishioners and \$ 800 for non-parishioners. Each Altar Server receives \$ 25.

Altar Servers

Organist

Cantor

Other Instrumentalists

Other requirements for weddings at St. Joseph's Church include the following:

- ✓ Two floral arrangements in the sanctuary – on the stands provided
- ✓ No floral arrangements on the Church pews
- ✓ No "Runner" down the main aisle or rose petals
- ✓ No rice, confetti, seeds, etc. to be thrown inside or outside the Church
- ✓ Flower girls are not permitted to throw rose petals down the aisle as they process in or out of the Church
- ✓ Limousine drivers are not permitted to serve champagne on Church property

Please check with your priest regarding any other questions you may have.

Wedding Ceremony / Nuptial Mass Planning and Preparation

Your Wedding Ceremony or Mass will be primarily planned by you using this information pamphlet and the *Together for Life* booklet provided which contains guidelines for planning Catholic Wedding services. If you choose to celebrate Mass as part of your Wedding Ceremony, the order of liturgical rites would be Liturgy of the Word, Marriage Rite, Liturgy of the Eucharist and Blessing. If you choose to plan your Wedding Ceremony outside of a Mass, the order of liturgical rites would be Liturgy of the Word, Marriage Rite and Blessing.

You will select an Entrance Procession, Scripture Readings, the form of your vows, the General Intercessions / Prayer of the Faithful and Gift Bearers. You also have the option to include a brief ceremony lighting the Unity Candle and another to present Flowers to the Blessed Mother. The WEDDING PLANNER sheet enclosed will guide you through these selections together with the *Together For Life* booklet provided.

Wedding Music

The Sacrament of Marriage and the music selected in a Catholic Wedding should be appropriate for the occasion and the religious nature of the celebration. While many popular love songs have a special meaning to the couple, they are better suited for the reception and not permitted in church.

Musicians serving at your wedding are from St. Joseph's Church. The parish employs a Principal Organist/Cantor, and maintains a roster of professional singer/soloists and instrumentalists. Therefore, outside soloists and musicians are not permitted except at the discretion of the Director of Sacred Music and the Pastor. In the event any outside musicians are approved, a customary bench fee is paid to the Principal Organist/Cantor in the amount of \$250.00.

The number of musical selections at your wedding will be determined by the type of ceremony you have planned. A Nuptial Mass is a Solemn Mass and includes Holy Communion, whereas a Ceremony does not. For either service, the Responsorial Psalm should be sung.

The wedding couple must contact the Director of Sacred Music at least three (3) months in advance of the wedding to arrange for all music. At that time, the WEDDING MUSIC PLANNER will be completed in consult with the Director of Sacred Music. (This PLANNER has been provided with this pamphlet.) This communication can either be in person or via e-mail or phone. Once the WEDDING MUSIC PLANNER is completed, it will be emailed to the couple for their review and approval. Then, an initialed copy of the PLANNER must be mailed to the Director of Sacred Music at the address shown on the bottom of PLANNER sheet. Fees must be sent at the time the approved PLANNER is mailed.

Sample wedding music selections are listed on the WEDDING MUSIC PLANNER and a compact disc sampler is also available. You can also find audio samples of many of these pieces online as well. These selections are approved by the Parish and by the Music Commission of the Archdiocese of New York. Additional instrumental and vocal selections may also be permitted, provided that the music is sacred.

Wedding Rehearsal

Your wedding rehearsal will be scheduled with your celebrant.

DATE: _____

TIME: _____

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To be completed and returned to the Parish Office once the Wedding Date has been confirmed.
(Please be sure to inform your priest if any of this information changes before your Wedding date.)

WEDDING DATE: _____ TIME: _____

NUPTIAL MASS CEREMONY

CELEBRANT: _____

BRIDE: _____ PHONE: _____

E-mail: _____

GROOM: _____ PHONE: _____

E-mail: _____

MAID OF HONOR: _____

BEST MAN: _____

Number of Bridesmaids: _____ Number of Groomsmen: _____

Flower Girl(s) Ring Bearer(s)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- Interview Pre-Cana Required Documents on File Fee(s) Paid
 Organist (\$250.00) Soloist (\$175.00) Other Musicians (\$ as requested)

NOTES:

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THE WEDDING:

Entrance Procession:

- _____ Both Bride and Groom accompanied by parents, preceded by bridesmaids, groomsmen and presiding clergy
- _____ Both Bride and Groom accompanied by parents, preceded by bridesmaids and groomsmen
- _____ Bride accompanied by parents, preceded by bridesmaids and groomsmen
- _____ Bride accompanied by father, preceded by bridesmaids and groomsmen
- _____ Other _____

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Old Testament Reading: **B** _____

Read by: _____

Responsorial Psalm: **C** _____

Sung Read by: _____

New Testament Reading: **D** _____

Read by: _____

Gospel: **F** _____

RITE OF MARRIAGE

Consent / Marriage Vows: Questions Recited after Priest Memorized

Unity Candle Gift / Flowers to the Blessed Mother

General Intercessions / Prayer of the Faithful: **J** _____

Read by: _____

Gift Bearers: (Choose 2) _____

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

NUPTIAL BLESSING

CONCLUDING RITE

Wedding Music Selections:

(Track numbers refer to compact disc music sampler available with the Wedding Preparation booklet and information packet.)

Track 1	<i>Air on a G String (J.S. Bach) (P/R)</i>		<i>Love Divine, All Loves Excelling (Hyfrydol) (V) (O/C)</i>
Track 2	<i>Ave Maria (Franz Schubert) (V) (Pr./O/BVM)</i>		<i>Marche Royale (Jean-Baptiste Lully) (P/R/PL)</i>
Track 3	<i>Ave Maria (Bach/Gounod) (V) (Pr./O/BVM)</i>		<i>Meine Seele erhebt den Herren (J.S. Bach) (Pr./O/C)</i>
Track 4	<i>Bridal Chorus (Wagner) (E)</i>		<i>Ode to Joy (Beethoven) (P/R/PL)</i>
Track 5	<i>Canon in D (Pachelbel) (P)</i>		<i>Organ Concerti Variations (Handel) (Pr./P/R/PL)</i>
Track 6	<i>The Earth is Full (Haas) (V) (RP)</i>		<i>Organ Sonatas - Various Movements (Mendelssohn) (Pr/R/PL)</i>
Track 7	<i>Faith, Hope, Love (Haas) (V) (O/C)</i>		<i>Organ Trio in E Flat (J.S. Bach) (Pr.)</i>
Track 8	<i>Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring (J.S. Bach) (P/O/C)</i>		<i>Panis Angelicus (Franck or Lambillotte) (V) (C)</i>
Track 9	<i>Largo (Vivaldi) (Pr./P)</i>		<i>Prelude to a Te Deum (Charpentier) (Pr./P/R/PL)</i>
Track 10	<i>The Lord is Kind (Haas) (V) (RP)</i>		<i>Prelude, Fugue and Chaconne in C (Buxtehude) (R/PL)</i>
Track 11	<i>Wedding March (Mendelssohn) (R)</i>		<i>Psalm 150 (Sigfrid Karg-Elert) (R/PL)</i>
Track 12	<i>Now Thank We All Our God (J.S. Bach) (PL)</i>		<i>Rigaudon (Andre Campra) (R/PL)</i>
Track 13	<i>Rondeau (Jean-Joseph Mouret) (P/R/PL)</i>		<i>Royal Fireworks Music (Handel) (P/R/PL)</i>
Track 14	<i>Let the Bright Seraphim (Handel) (V) (Pr.)</i>		<i>Solemn Processional (Boellman) (P)</i>
Track 15	<i>Sheep May Safely Graze (J.S. Bach) (Pr./O/C)</i>		<i>Spring – from the Four Seasons (Vivaldi) (Pr/P/R)</i>
Track 16	<i>Arrival of the Queen of Sheba (Handel) (P)</i>		<i>Suite Gothique (Boellman) (Pr./R/PL)</i>
Track 17	<i>Toccata, Symphony No. 5 (Widor) (R/PL)</i>		<i>The Emperor's Fanfare (A. Soler) (P/R/PL)</i>
Track 18	<i>Trumpet Voluntary in D Major (Clarke) (P/R/PL)</i>		<i>Trumpet Tune in D Major (Purcell) (P/R/PL)</i>
Track 19	<i>Hornpipe (Handel) (P/R/PL)</i>		<i>Trumpet Tune in D Major (Johnson) (P/R/PL)</i>
			<i>Tuba Tune (C.S. Lang) (P/R/PL)</i>
	ADDITIONAL MUSIC SELECTIONS		<i>Water Music – Various Movements (Handel) (Pr/P/R/PL)</i>
	<i>Allegro Vivace (Handel) (P/R/PL)</i>		<i>We Will Serve the Lord (Haas) (V) (O/C)</i>
	<i>Ave Verum (Mozart) (V) (Pr./O/C)</i>		<i>When Love is Found (Haas) (V) (O/C)</i>
	<i>Chaconne (Couperin) (Pr./P/R/PL)</i>		<i>Where There is Love (Haas) (V) (O/C)</i>
	<i>Come Down, O Love Divine (Down Ampney) (V) (O/C)</i>		
	<i>Fanfare (J Lemmens) (R/PL)</i>		(V) - VOCAL SELECTION
	<i>Festival Prelude (Charpentier) (R/PL)</i>		
	<i>Festival Voluntary (Peeters) (Pr./R/PL)</i>		
	<i>God is Love (Abbotts Leigh) (V) (O/C)</i>		
	<i>God Who Created Hearts to Love (V) (O/C)</i>		
	<i>Hear Us Now Our God and Father (Hyfrydol) (V) (O/C)</i>		
	<i>In dir ist Freude (J. S. Bach) (Pr./R/PL)</i>		

Notes:

Suggested best/most appropriate places at your mass or ceremony to use above selections:

Pr=Prelude; P=Processional; O=Offertory; C=Communion; R=Recessional; PL=Postlude; BVM=Gift to Blessed Mother.

Almost any vocal can be used at unity candle or after exchange of rings.

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