



Notre Dame de la Mer Parish

Wedding Guide

Documents

(To be submitted by the second meeting with the priest preparing the couple – forms can be obtained from the priest)

For Catholics:

A newly issued baptismal certificate from the Church of baptism (please do not submit originals or photo copies of your original certificate. Please request a new one.)

For those baptized in another Christian denomination:

A photocopy of the original baptismal certificate. If the original cannot be located, a newly issued certificate from the Church of baptism (needs to be dated within 6 months of the wedding ceremony); if this is not possible, a signed Affidavit of Baptism.

Affidavit of freedom to marry.

For those who have never been baptized: (Non-Christian)

Affidavit of freedom to marry.*

Affidavit of non-baptism

For those who have been previously married:

Copy of previous spouse's certificate of death

Or copy of divorce decree and Church annulment.

For all couples:

Marriage license (to be submitted at the wedding rehearsal)

Other forms may be required in specific cases (e.g. marriage of minors, distant relatives, etc.)

If you have any questions about this information, please do not hesitate to call the Parish Office (609-522-2709 X210) Good luck with your wedding plans, and may God bless you with a lifetime of happiness, peace and most of all love.

Wedding Music

The music director will be happy to meet and prepare the music for your wedding with you. He will also be happy to be a part of your wedding by playing the organ or piano for the ceremony and liturgy. The timing of the wedding will need to be coordinated with the music director especially if there are two weddings on the same day. In this case priority of timing is given to the Wedding that was booked first at Notre Dame de la Mer Parish.

All music used at the liturgy must be presented to and approved by the Music Director (Mr. Jonathan Delgado) to be used at a Wedding at Notre Dame de la Mer Parish. (If an outside organist is brought in this procedure is still in place and the music must be presented to our Music Director.)

Only **liturgical music** may be used at wedding liturgies at Notre Dame de la Mer Parish.

Offering for Music Ministry and other services of Notre Dame de la Mer Parish

There are many aspects of a wedding that need to be taken into consideration and persons to consider giving a sign of gratitude to for their help and involvement. Some of those involved are professional at their job and need to receive appropriate compensation for what they do. Others who share their talents need to receive a sign of gratitude. Below you will find a list of appropriate fees for music providers who are professional as well as others that will help to make your "Wedding Day" special.

On some days Notre Dame de la Mer Parish is honored to have two weddings taking place. On these days the Music Director will be happy to play at both weddings if the timing of the weddings can be arranged in such a manner that he is able to do so. If this is not able to be accomplished the Music Director will play at the wedding that was booked first for the day.

Offerings

***Organist** –professional fee \$250.00

***Soloist** – professional fee \$200.00

***Instrumentalist** – (Trumpet, Violin etc.) professional fee \$250.00

Rehearsal Attendants - \$100.00 a couple

Altar Servers - \$20.00 each

Celebrant – a stipend of your choice should be given to the celebrant of your wedding

If there is need to practice with an outside soloist an additional fee is to be paid to the organist.

Outside Soloist Rehearsal for organist - \$50.00

***Organists, soloists, and instrumentalists do not attend the rehearsals the evening before the wedding. If they are expected to be at a rehearsal an additional cost of \$50.00 is added to the fee.**

Rehearsal attendance fee for organist, soloist, or instrumentalist - \$50.00

Bench Fee - \$50.00

Photographers and Videographers

Photographers and Videographers are requested to respect the sacredness of the altar and not to use it to place equipment on, near or around at any time.

Photographers and Videographers are requested to respect the sacredness of the sanctuary and not use it as a staging ground for picture taking or equipment propping.

Photographers and Videographers are asked to remain out of the front area of the church during the celebration of the liturgy and the sacrament of marriage. **They are asked to be respectful of the sacrament that is taking place between the bride and the groom.**

Rehearsal

The wedding rehearsal should be set to take place the evening before the wedding.

Please review the Rehearsal check list before coming to the rehearsal to be sure that you have all the items that are necessary. **Rehearsal check list**

General Rehearsal Reminder List

- Marriage License
- Programs
- Ring Bearer Pillow –never put the real rings on the pillow
- Pew Decorations
- **Stipends/fees in separate envelopes marked for the recipients**

Unity Candles - Unity candles are not part of Catholic Marriages. It is however suggested that they be used at the reception if the bride and groom desire to use one. Please review the site listed for ideas about a service to use at the Wedding Reception with the Unity Candle.

<http://togetherforlifeonline.com/unity-candle-ceremony/> the candle can also be used simply as part of the blessing before meals at the reception.