



The Sacrament of Matrimony Policies for Sacred Heart Parish, Lewisburg PA

Wedding & Rehearsal Times and Days

Weddings are celebrated in the Church on Saturdays. The liturgies last less than an hour from the time they begin.

The time schedule is as follows:

Church Available	Wedding	Vacate Church
9:30AM	10:00AM	12:00PM
12:00PM	1:00PM	3:00PM

Liturgical Music

Mrs. Virginia Baker (Phone: 570-394-7290 - email: gingerlee243@gmail.com), the Parish Music Director, should be contacted, as soon as the date of the wedding is set. The Parish Music Director is also the organist for all Liturgies. The Music Director will help the couple interpret the Diocesan Norms as outlined on pages 7 thru 10.

A check in the amount of \$125.00 is made out to the Music Director for payment as organist. This payment should accompany the marriage license before the rehearsal. If additional musical services are required, fees will be adjusted accordingly. This will be discussed, in detail, at the time of the meeting with her.

Additionally, she will work with your choice of cantors, soloists and other musicians. If you choose to have a cantor, soloist or other musicians they should be paid directly, according to their set fees.

Dressing for the Wedding

It is recommended that the wedding party dress at home, since there is no changing room available at the church.

Stipends

A check in the amount of \$250.00 is made out to Sacred Heart Parish and accompanies the marriage license before the rehearsal.



Respect for the Church and the Sacrament

Because of the Sacred space - the church - and the sacred nature of the activity - the Sacrament of Matrimony - the following is stressed:

At the rehearsal and the Wedding Liturgy there is absolutely no smoking, drinking, of alcohol or gum chewing in any of the facilities or properties of the Parish. A spirit of quiet respect should be maintained at all times in the church proper.

At the end of the service, the receiving line, if the couple chooses to have one, must be in the Narthex of the Church (vestibule) or outside. It may not be held in the Nave (body) of the Church.

The use of rice, birdseed, confetti, flower peddles, balloons, etc. is not permitted.

Photographer/Videographer

It is the responsibility of the couple to communicate these policies to the photographer.

The sanctuary is off limits during the marriage ceremony. The sanctuary is considered the raised platform in the front of the Church.

Care should be taken not to block the view of the guests in attendance.

Pictures may be taken in the Sanctuary after the ceremony. However, no furniture may be moved or used as a prop in any way.

The wedding party must be out of the church by 12:00PM for the 10:00AM Wedding and 3:00PM for the 1:00PM Wedding.

Florists

It is the responsibility of the couple to communicate these policies to the florist.

The church is available at 8:00AM for weddings at 10:00AM and 12:00PM for weddings at 1:00PM.

A large arrangement of flowers may be placed in front of the altar on the floor, not to be higher than the altar table: Or on the two sides of the sanctuary on pedestals. Nothing may ever be placed on the altar.



Pews may be decorated with bows or flowers but must be applied with rubber bands or string. No Tape.

Candles, other than those already in the sanctuary, are not permitted because of fire regulations.

Aisle "Runners" are not permitted because of liability.

Flower pedals may not be strewn and balloons and artificial flowers may not be used as decorations.

Seasonal decoration and flowers, placed by the parish, may not be moved or altered in any way.

It is recommended that the flowers, placed in the sanctuary, remain in the church as a gift from the bride for the weekend liturgies.

Flowers are not permitted during the penitential season of Lent.

Call the parish office (570-523-3104) if you would like ideas about flower placement.



The Wedding Booklet (Optional)

The couple may wish to provide a wedding booklet for guests. The following is the format for the Liturgy:

The Rite for celebrating Matrimony During Mass	The Rite for Celebrating Matrimony Outside Mass
Introductory Rites	Introductory Rites
Prelude	Prelude
Processional - Instrumental	Processional - Instrumental
Hymn - Glory to God in the Highest - Cantor will Sing.	No Hymn
Liturgy of the Word	Liturgy of the Word
Old Testament Readings	Old Testament Readings
Silent Reflection	Silent Reflection
New Testament Reading	New Testament Reading
Silent Reflection	Silent Reflection
Gospel Acclamation	Gospel Acclamation
Gospel	Gospel
Homily	Homily
Rite of Marriage	Rite of Marriage
Introduction	Introduction
Exchange of Vows	Exchange of Vows
Blessings of Rings	Blessings of Rings
General Intercessions	General Intercessions
N/A	Nuptial Blessings
Liturgy of the Eucharist	N/A
Preparation of the Altar and Gifts	N/A
Eucharistic Prayer	N/A
The Lord's Prayer	N/A
Nuptial Blessing	N/A
Sign of Peace	N/A
Communion Procession	N/A



Closing Rite	Closing Rite
Closing Prayer	N/A
Blessing	Blessing
Flowers to Mary (Optional)	Flowers to Mary (Optional)
Dismissal	Dismissal
Recessional	Recessional
Postlude	Postlude

Listing of Participants for a Brochure

Bride and Groom
 Presider
 Best Man and Maid of Honor
 Wedding Party
 Parents
 Lector(s)
 Cantor/Organist
 Musician(s)
 Others

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