

MARRIAGE PREPARATION – SAINT CECILIA PARISH

Congratulations on your engagement and wedding announcement! The following information will be helpful in planning your wedding at Saint Cecilia Church.

BRIDE AND GROOM RESPONSIBILITIES

DOCUMENTS:

A copy of the **Baptismal Certificate** of the Bride and Groom. This certificate must be issued within six months of the wedding.

For Catholic parties, copies of First Communion and Confirmation certificates are also required.

For non-Catholics, a **Birth Certificate** is required.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION PROGRAM (Pre-Cana Program):

Every couple married at Saint Cecilia is required by the Diocese to participate in a Marriage Enrichment Program. The couple is responsible for making all necessary arrangements. For a schedule go to:

www.diospringfield.org/ministries/pastoralministries/officeoffamilylife/marriageprepschedule

SESSIONS WITH PRIEST:

After you have completed your Pre-Cana Program, you will meet with the priest for follow-up sessions to discuss your own particular views of marriage and family life. During this time, you will also be planning your wedding liturgy.

WEDDING LITURGY:

The booklet “Together for Life” is given to each couple to assist you in planning your celebration of marriage.

“A WEDDING IS A DAY A MARRIAGE IS A LIFETIME”

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MUSIC:

The music for your wedding is very important. All music arrangements are the responsibility of the couple. Saint Cecilia has a parish organist available for your services: Please contact Todd Rovelli (trovelli23@gmail.com or 537-3223). He will assist you with the proper musical selections for your wedding.

PLEASE NOTE: The fee for the organist and other singers or musicians should be given to the priest at the Rehearsal.

CHURCH OFFERINGS:

These fees should be placed in individual envelopes and given to the priest at the Rehearsal.

The suggested Offerings are:

Offering to the Parish - \$400.00

Offering to the Priest - Personal

Organist, Soloist - See Above

STATE REQUIREMENTS:

A Marriage License is required by state law. The license should be obtained within two months before the wedding. You can apply for your license at any town or city hall in Massachusetts. **PLEASE BRING THE MARRIAGE LICENSE TO THE REHEARSAL.**

CHURCH ATTENDANCE:

Couples being married at Saint Cecilia are encouraged to attend Mass each week. As you prepare to enter into the Sacrament of Matrimony, it is important that you are living your faith and deepening your prayer lives together.

MAY THE LORD BLESS YOUR LOVE FOREVER!

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