

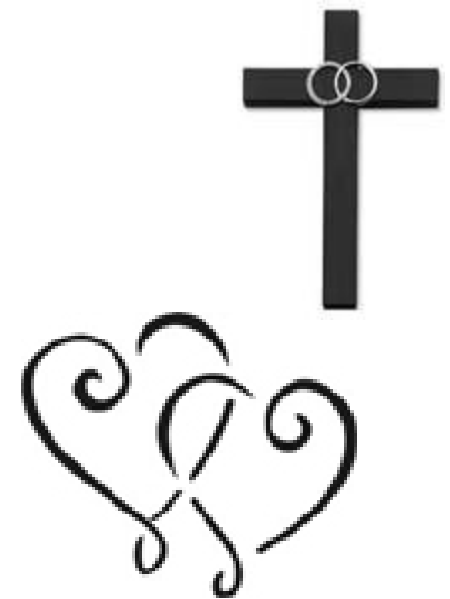
## Planning your Wedding Liturgy

- ◆ *To schedule your wedding, please call Father Nellis at 247-3535 X202 to make an appointment. When you meet with him you will receive your planning materials.*
- ◆ *Wedding Music Guidelines, Diocese of Rochester, is a thorough introduction to planning your wedding liturgy and will be helpful in understanding the Rite of Marriage in the Catholic Church.*
- ◆ *We have Pre-Cana here at Holy Ghost, usually the first Saturdays of October and March.*

### Wedding Fees:

- ◆ The church fee of \$500 covers use of the church, the services of the presider, the rehearsal coordinator, organist, cantor and planning materials. Please make check payable to Holy Ghost Church.
- ◆ The above fee includes one rehearsal of the organist and musicians. Additional practices may incur added fees. Call Mary Risewick for details. Additional musicians would be paid separately.
- ◆ A \$10 cash gratuity is suggested for each altar server (this may be placed in envelopes with a brief thank you note). For a Eucharistic Liturgy two servers are assigned; for a wedding ceremony, one server is assigned.
- ◆ \$100 cleaning deposit should be a **separate check** payable to Holy Ghost Church. The cleaning deposit will be returned after the wedding date if the church is left clean and in order. A cleaning checklist is provided in the planning materials.

# Preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage



## Holy Ghost Church

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# The Sacrament of Marriage



Preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage is so much more than party planning. This pamphlet will give an overview of what you need to do to prepare prayerfully and practically to celebrate the Sacrament of Marriage.

## Required Documents

- ◆ Baptismal Certificates If you are Catholic and were not baptized at Holy Ghost, contact the church where you were baptized and ask for a **recently dated** copy of your Baptismal Certificate. You can usually obtain this with a simple phone call.

If you were baptized but not in the Catholic Church, please present proof of baptism.

- ◆ Pre-Cana Pre-Cana should be completed at least 3 months prior to your wedding date. You will receive a certificate upon completion.
- ◆ Wedding License Your wedding license should be brought to the rehearsal. Your witnesses will sign the papers at that time and the parish will process the form following the wedding.

## Contacts to Schedule

- ◆ Initial Appointment: 1 year in advance  
\_\_\_\_ This meeting will be scheduled with the pastor, Fr. Tom Nellis. Your wedding date and time will be set at this meeting and the pre-marriage investigation form begun.
- ◆ FOCCUS Inventory: Scheduled soon after the initial appointment.  
\_\_\_\_ FOCCUS is a communication tool for couples. The inventory is completed first. This is followed by one or two sessions with the facilitator. Contact Deacon Dave Cadregari.
- ◆ Organist/Musician 4-6 months prior  
\_\_\_\_ Contact Mary Risewick to schedule date and time.
- ◆ Attend Pre-Cana 3-12 months prior  
\_\_\_\_ You will receive a schedule of Holy Ghost Pre-Cana dates at your initial visit: usually the first Saturdays of March & October. If these dates are not convenient for you, you may attend Pre-Cana sessions elsewhere.
- ◆ Liturgy Planning 3-4 months prior  
\_\_\_\_ Contact Shirley Curatolo to set up a time to talk about your ceremony. One month prior finalize your wedding liturgy plans with her and turn in your planning sheets.

- ◆ Pre-marriage investigation 3-4 months prior  
\_\_\_\_ Schedule a meeting with the priest or deacon who will be presiding at the ceremony. At this time the required baptismal certificates must be presented if they have not been previously. The canonical pre-marital investigation form will be completed and the ceremony reviewed. This step is necessary to confirm the previously scheduled wedding date.

- ◆ Wedding Rehearsal 1-2 days prior  
\_\_\_\_ Your wedding rehearsal is for the wedding party. Readers are also asked to attend, not to rehearse the readings, but to practice when and how to take their place at the ambo. Rehearsal will typically last 45-60 minutes. The rehearsal will be led by the pastor's wedding assistant, Rebecca Cadregari. She will also be present at the wedding to make sure that everything goes smoothly.

## Important Phone Numbers

Parish Office 247-3535

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