

# MARRIAGE GUIDELINES



**St. Patrick Church**  
280 N. Grant Ave.  
Columbus, Ohio 43215

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## **CELEBRATING YOUR MARRIAGE AT ST. PATRICK CHURCH**

Congratulations on your engagement and your decision to make a lifelong commitment to each other in the vocation of marriage!

The path you have chosen is a high calling. The self-giving love of husband and wife for each other has for its model the highest of all loves: the love of Christ, who lays down his life for his Bride, the Church. As husband and wife, your paths will be joined together as fellow pilgrims on the way to God all the days of your life.

The family you are preparing to create will, at its best, reflect the Holy Trinity: persons joined in a communion of love that overflows to bring life to others, especially the gift of

children, if God so wills. The family is, in the view of the Church, the fundamental unit of human society, and is itself a domestic church, where children first learn to know and love God, where the family members come together regularly in prayer, and where the members become more truly the persons they were created to be in their work, their rest, and in laying down their lives for each other every day.

Because your marriage and family will be such a central part of your lives and, God willing, the lives of your children, there are several important steps we ask you to take in your preparation for marriage. Our commitment to you at St. Patrick's is to give you the best preparation we can, so that you will have a strong foundation on which to build your marriage and your domestic church, especially in a world where marriage as a lifelong Christian vocation is not always easy, and is not always well supported or understood.

These Marriage Guidelines are designed to make you aware of the important steps involved in your marriage preparation at St. Patrick's, and to help you plan a beautiful and reverent wedding, because your wedding day is meant to be a manifestation of your faith in God and the consecration of your lives to each other through a joyful, grace-filled, and sacred ceremony. Please read the following information carefully.

### **GENERAL POLICIES**

**Length of Marriage Preparation:** The marriage preparation process is based on the model used for the baptismal catechumenate, and typically takes 9-12 months to complete. Engaged couples must contact the parish office and submit their *Wedding Request Form* at least 9 months before their intended wedding date. This length provides the necessary time for the engaged couple to take part in all the aspects of the marriage preparation process. Any requests for an exception to this timeframe must be made in writing to the pastor, with reasons given for shortening the time of preparation.

- **Age of Couple:** Per diocesan policy, if at the time of the wedding, either the bride or the groom would be under the age of 19 years of age, at least six months should pass between the completion of the 9-12 month Marriage Preparation Process and the wedding date, and a parental consultation meeting must take place.
- **Parish Membership:** Because marriage is typically celebrated in the bride or groom's own parish, one or both members of the engaged couple must normally be registered and active at St. Patrick Parish for at least six months before submitting the *Wedding Request Form*. Alternatively, a parent of one member of the engaged couple must normally be a registered parishioner at St. Patrick's. Non-parishioners may have their wedding at St. Patrick's, but only with the permission of their local pastor(s); no

wedding will be scheduled until this permission has first been obtained in writing (see *Permission of Proper Pastor* in Part I).

- **If You Plan to Have an Outside Priest or Deacon Celebrate Your Wedding at St. Patrick's:** Catholic priests (or deacons) who are not assigned to St. Patrick Parish may preside and/or preach at a wedding only with the pastor's delegation and permission. By Ohio law, every officiant at a marriage in Ohio, including an officiant residing in a different state, must be registered by the civil authorities of the State of Ohio to witness marriages. This is easy to do, but must be done in advance. Please check with your assigned priest for more information.
- **If You are Being Prepared for Marriage at a Different Parish and Marrying at St. Patrick's:** If due to one or both members of the engaged couple living far from St. Patrick's, it is easiest to complete your marriage preparation at another parish near where you live, you will still need to complete the *Wedding Request Form*. After being approved to celebrate your wedding at St. Patrick's, you will then need to contact and meet the priest who will prepare you for the prenuptial investigation to establish your freedom to marry. After that, you may confirm the wedding date at St. Patrick's, and your date will be entered on the church calendar. When your marriage preparation is complete, the priest who is preparing you should forward your completed file to the priest who will be presiding at your wedding at St. Patrick's. You will then meet with the priest presiding to plan your wedding ceremony.
- **Preparation at St. Patrick's with Marriage at Another Parish:** If you are being prepared for marriage at St. Patrick's, but are to be married at another parish, submit the *Wedding Request Form* with a note that you are planning to be married elsewhere. A parish priest from St. Patrick's will be assigned to help you with your preparation. He will help coordinate your preparation with any requirements of the parish and diocese where you will be married.
- **Nuptial Mass or Ceremony Outside of Mass:** Typically, the wedding of two Catholics takes place within a Nuptial (Wedding) Mass. If either the bride or the groom is not Catholic, the wedding takes place in a ceremony outside of Mass. Please consult your priest for details.
- **Days/Times of Weddings:** Friday weddings are scheduled at 3:30pm exclusively. Saturday weddings are scheduled to begin between 11:00am and 2:00pm. Weddings are permitted on days other than Friday and Saturday may only be scheduled with the permission of the pastor and the availability of a priest and the church calendar.
- **Rehearsals:** Wedding rehearsals begin at 5:30pm on the evening before the wedding.

- **Cohabiting Couples:** While it is not unusual at the present time for engaged couples to decide to live together before marriage for various reasons, the gift of sexual love is understood by Christ and the Church to belong exclusively to the context of a lifelong commitment of married love, just as a beautiful diamond is most secure and at home when set in a beautiful ring. Part of your preparation for marriage is to understand the goodness and importance of sexual love as the consummation of your marriage vows and its openness to giving new life. If you are already living together, the priest preparing you will encourage you to consider a time of separation and abstinence before your marriage as a way of saving the gift of sexual love for the day you can give this gift to each other as husband and wife.

## PART I:

### MARRIAGE PREPARATION AT ST. PATRICK CHURCH

- 1. Thoroughly understand St. Patrick's marriage guidelines.
- 2. Complete and return the *Wedding Request Form* to the parish office at least 9 months before your intended wedding date. Once the request is received and approved, a priest will contact you to schedule your introductory interview. *Note that your wedding date will not be put on the parish calendar until after Step 4, below.*
- 3. Schedule your first meeting with a parish priest, at which time you will introduce yourselves to him and he will give you an overview of your marriage preparation at St. Patrick's. At this meeting, the priest will complete the prenuptial investigation (PNI) to ensure your freedom to marry in the Church. In some cases, such as if one or both members of the couple had a previous marriage, this situation will need to be resolved in the Church before further wedding plans can proceed. Also at this meeting, you can discuss the availability of a day and time for your wedding.
- 4. Once a parish priest approves the wedding date, please contact the parish office directly and arrange to have it entered on the church calendar, so that you may proceed with your reception venue selection. The full wedding fee (\$950) must be paid at this time (see Part III for a detailed for detailed breakdown of fees).
- 5. Contact our parish Director of Music, Kathleen Tully, to be added to the music department calendar (separate from the church calendar) and, if necessary, to schedule additional musicians for the wedding. All music must be approved by our Director of Music, whether using parish or outside musicians.
- 6. As directed by your priest, complete the requirements for engaged couples: (i.e., complete the *Fully Engaged* program with your mentor couple, attend the Diocese of Columbus's Marriage Formation Day)
- 7. Register for a diocesan-sponsored Natural Family Planning (NFP) course through the Diocese of Columbus's Office of Marriage and Family Life.
- 8. Schedule another meeting with the priest to discuss the theology of marriage as understood in the Catholic Church. At the end of this meeting, the *Declaration of Matrimonial Consent* is signed.

- 9. Closer to the time of your wedding, the couple will meet with the priest and separately, the Director of Music, to plan your wedding ceremony.
- 10. Complete additional steps as indicated or required by the parish priest preparing the couple.

**Necessary Documents to Provide as Directed by your Preparing Priest:**

- 1. Complete and return the *Freedom to Marry Affidavits*.
- 2. Request baptismal certificates for each baptized party.
  - For Catholics: *no earlier than 6 months before your wedding*, contact the parish where you were baptized to request a recently issued baptismal certificate with “notations” of any other sacraments your parish of baptism has recorded for you since your baptism. Even if you still have your original baptismal certificate from when you were a child, you will need to request a recently issued one, since notations of any other sacraments you have received since baptism (such as Confirmation) are normally forwarded to your parish of baptism.
  - For baptized non-Catholics: if you have a certificate or record of your baptism, make a photocopy and bring it to the priest. If you do not have a baptismal certificate, contact the church where you were baptized to request a certificate or a photocopy of the church’s baptismal register where your name is listed.
- 3. *Certificate of Completion* of the Diocese of Columbus’s Pre-Cana Marriage Formation Day.
- 4. *Certificate of Completion* of an approved Natural Family Planning course.
- 5. *Permission of Proper Pastor* (for a Catholic party registered in another parish). The *Permission of Proper Pastor* letter testifies that the engaged person is a registered member of his/her parish, is a practicing Catholic, and has the pastor’s permission to be married outside of their own parish. This must be obtained before scheduling your wedding at St. Patrick’s.
- 6. Obtain your civil marriage license (*within 60 days of the wedding*) from an Ohio circuit court and give to priest *by the rehearsal*. *No wedding can be performed unless the marriage license is presented.*

## PART II:

### WEDDING MUSIC

Your wedding ceremony is a worship service in the presence of God who has called you together in marriage, and is a liturgy similar to the other sacraments celebrated in the Church. Therefore, the music for your wedding should be sacred, beautiful, and prayerful. Musical choices, including the prelude, should fit this liturgical context, and be free from any association with secular contexts. Secular music is more effectively used at the reception where it can be appreciated in the proper venue. These guidelines, which apply to all weddings celebrated at St. Patrick Church, will help you choose music for your church wedding ceremony that is both joyful and reverent.

#### Musicians

Upon confirming your wedding date with the parish office, please contact our Director of Music, Kathleen Tully, in order to have your date placed on the music department's calendar. This is a separate calendar than the parish calendar.

We encourage you to use St. Patrick's organists, cantors and instrumentalists. We have access to a variety of talented, qualified instrumentalists, and singers who are familiar with our guidelines and ready to provide beautiful and appropriate music for your ceremony. To engage any of these musicians, please contact Kathleen Tully.

Any and all outside musicians, vocalists, or cantors *must first be approved* by our Director of Music before being hired or even engaged. Outside musicians, vocalists, and cantors must be skilled musicians who are **(a)** familiar with Catholic wedding liturgies, and **(b)** willing to follow the guidelines of St. Patrick Church. Please note that engaging outside musicians may require additional fees to St. Patrick's (as determined by the Director of Music.)

While there is a microphone as part of our church sound system in the choir loft, professional cantors and instrumentalists will have no difficulty projecting throughout the church, even without amplification. Portable sound systems and additional amplification are not permitted.

**Please pay musician fees directly to the Director of Music no later than two weeks in advance of your wedding date.**

Typical Fees for Wedding Musicians:

Organist	\$175-250
Vocalists (male and female)	\$125-175
Trumpet, trombone, oboe, flute, violin, etc.	\$175-225 each
Harp	\$300-500
Bagpipe (Pipes may not be played inside of the church)	<i>fees vary</i>
Groups of instrumentalists (String trio, brass quintet, quartets, small choir)	\$300 and up

*Please Note:* additional fees will apply if extra rehearsals are necessary

**Musical Selections During the Wedding Liturgy**

Our Director of Music will schedule a time to meet with you and plan musical selections, and can play samples of musical pieces so that you can hear how they will sound in the church. Please consult with her for a list of approved music.

**During the wedding liturgy, music may be chosen for the following:**

Prelude	A variety of instrumental/vocal music may be used before the ceremony.
Processional	Music begins when guests are seated and the wedding party is lined up: one piece may be enough, especially if the bridal party is small.
Entrance Antiphon	A sung proper antiphon for the Nuptial Mass (with psalm verses) may be sung once the bride and groom are in place, and the priest is incensing the altar (if incense is used). [ <i>Mass Only</i> ]
Gloria	Sung prayer at the beginning of Mass. [ <i>Mass Only</i> ]
Responsorial Psalm	This is sung after the First Reading. The text must be the approved version, not a paraphrase.
Gospel Acclamation	This is sung before the reading of the Gospel.

Offertory	Since there is no offertory collection, a brief music selection is recommended. <i>[Mass Only]</i>
Eucharistic Acclamations	The Holy, Holy, Holy; Memorial Acclamation; Great Amen; and Lamb of God are led by a cantor. Selections may be chosen that will be familiar to your guests. <i>[Mass Only]</i>
The Lord's Prayer	To be spoken or sung by the priest and congregation. Solo versions of <i>The Lord's Prayer</i> may not be used.
Communion	As your guests receive Communion, there are many pieces of music from which to choose that are conducive to Eucharistic meditation. <i>[Mass Only]</i>
Dedication to Mary (Optional)	Either vocal or instrumental music may accompany the presentation of flowers to the Blessed Mother. <i>[Mass Only]</i>
Recessional	Joyous music as you exit the church.

**Note on using music in printed wedding programs.** If you plan to print wedding programs containing the music or texts for your service, you must obtain copyright clearance for all copyrighted materials. Please allow at least eight weeks for the responses to these requests. The Director of Music can help you obtain these permissions.

### PART III:

## WEDDING LOGISTICS, POLICIES, AND FEES

### Church Offerings, Fees and Deposits

<b>Church Offering</b>	\$750 for the usage of the church facilities, to defray costs of maintenance, utilities, and staffing
<b>Security</b>	\$100 for security personnel
<b>Wedding/Cleaning Deposit*</b>	\$100 refunded if the church/facility is left clean and of no further maintenance
<b>Total</b>	\$950 to be paid upon entering date on parish calendar
<b>Wedding Preparation <i>Only</i></b>	\$250 (only for those being prepared at St. Patrick's and are being married elsewhere)
<b>Altar Boy Offering (2)</b>	\$40 cash in an envelope for each altar boy; the engaged couple gives this to the priest at the rehearsal

- Couples having a Nuptial Mass may have the Mass celebrated *ad orientem* at the high altar, upon request. Please coordinate this with the presiding priest when planning the wedding ceremony. If the Nuptial Mass is celebrated at the high altar, the altar of sacrifice must remain in place, and may not be moved to the side of the sanctuary.
- One 2<sup>nd</sup> floor classroom is included and available two hours before the start of the wedding for use by the bride and bridal party to dress and/or gather at no additional charge (St. Maximilian Kolbe Room). The wedding party is responsible for taking all trash to the outside dumpster and returning the room to its original condition prior to the ceremony.
- Aquinas Hall is also provided two hours before the start of the wedding for the groom and groomsmen to gather before the wedding at no additional charge. The wedding party is responsible for taking all trash to the outside dumpster and returning the room to its original condition.
- Aquinas Hall and Patrick Hall are available to rent for the rehearsal dinner and/or

the reception, as per customary procedure and based on availability. Please contact the parish business manager to discuss rental of the facilities.

- \*Deposit is nonrefundable if the wedding is cancelled.

### **The Wedding Rehearsal**

**Date and Time:** Wedding rehearsals always begin at 5:30pm on the evening before the wedding. No exceptions may be made to this date and time, as it best accommodates the church calendar and the presiding priest's schedule.

**Who should attend your rehearsal:** In addition to the bride and groom and the wedding party, it is helpful if parents and grandparents also attend the rehearsal if they will be involved in the wedding procession. It is also helpful if your readers can be present at the rehearsal so that they can practice their Scripture readings and get used to the church sound system. Any other persons with a special role in the wedding liturgy should also attend if possible, such as ushers and those bringing forward the offertory gifts (if your wedding is a Mass).

**Wedding Coordinators:** The wedding rehearsal is directed solely by the presiding priest. Saint Patrick's does not provide a wedding coordinator. If you have hired a personal wedding coordinator, let the office and the presiding priest know in advance. Wedding coordinators are responsible for knowing and adhering to the contents of these Marriage Guidelines and protocols, and may not alter or interfere in the priest's direction of the wedding rehearsal or the wedding ceremony.

**Rehearsal Length:** Rehearsals last approximately one hour. All those attending are asked to **BE ON TIME!** It is very helpful to have matched up your bridesmaids and groomsmen before the rehearsal in order to save time.

**Confessions:** (Optional) Please inform the priest in advance if you would like to have confessions heard after the rehearsal.

**Civil Marriage License:** Turn in the civil marriage license to the presiding priest at the rehearsal if you have not already done so. **The wedding cannot legally be celebrated unless the marriage license has been presented.**

### **The Wedding Day**

#### **Parking:**

Parking is permitted in our parish parking lot. Beyond that, on-street city meters and college parking space are pay-by-app only. If you anticipate a large number of people and

would like to rent and reserve a Columbus State Community College lot for your guests, please contact the college directly (contact the office for more information.)

**Wedding Coordinators:** If you have hired a personal wedding coordinator, please have the coordinator check in at the parish office upon arrival on the day of the wedding. Wedding coordinators should not arrive more than two hours before the start of the wedding. Wedding coordinators are responsible for knowing and adhering to the contents of these Marriage Guidelines and protocols, and must follow the directions of the presiding priest and the parish office staff while present at St. Patrick's.

**Bride's Dressing Room:**

One 2<sup>nd</sup> floor classroom may be used by the bride for dressing and as a place for the bridesmaids to gather two hours before the start of the wedding. The wedding party is responsible for taking all trash to the outside dumpster and returning the room to its original condition prior to the ceremony.

**Groom and Groomsmen Space:** The groom and groomsmen may gather in Aquinas Hall two hours before the start of the wedding. Please note: Aquinas Hall tables and chairs are not to be re-arranged.

**Do not leave personal items in public areas.** It is suggested that all items are **locked and out of sight** in your cars before the wedding begins. Please remember that this is a downtown parish and St. Patrick Church will not be held responsible for valuables left unattended either in the parish facilities or in unsecured/secured vehicles.

**Food and Drink:** The wedding party is permitted to bring in bottled water and light snacks (if needed) prior to the wedding - no other food or drinks are permitted. Gum must be disposed before the wedding begins; please observe the one hour fast before the reception of Holy Communion. Alcohol is not permitted in any area of the facility.

**Flowers:**

- Many couples choose to have Sr. Marta Gawron, O.P. arrange the wedding flowers. If interested, please contact Sister at 614-240-5912 well in advance of the wedding date.
- Up to two bouquets may be arranged on the high altar, one on either side. Additionally, flowers may be placed on our two side altars dedicated to the Blessed Mother and to St. Joseph. Flowers put on any altar for the wedding are to be left where placed and may not be removed following the ceremony.
- For reasons of safety and aesthetics, dropping flowers or flower petals by flower girls in the church aisle is not permitted.
- If you choose to present flowers at the Blessed Mother's altar, notify the office or

your presiding priest beforehand so that a vase is available.

- The parish office opens at 9:00 a.m. on Saturdays to receive deliveries of flowers.

### **Pew Decorations:**

Bows or decorations must be *tied* to the pews. Tape, tacks, etc. are not permitted. Violations of this guideline will result in the loss of the cleaning deposit.

### **Aisle Runner:**

The attractive hardwood floor of St. Patrick Church is well maintained and kept clean. Because aisle runners are slippery and often wrinkle or tear, they are not permitted.

### **Unity Candle:**

The lighting of a unity candle is not part of the Catholic celebration of matrimony, and is therefore not permitted in the ceremony at St. Patrick Church. Candelabras are not permitted.

### **Proper Decorum in the Church:**

Because the Church is a sacred space, guests should maintain a silent disposition before the wedding ceremony begins, and should refrain from talking. If the presiding priest judges that there is too much talking in the Church prior to the start of the wedding, he reserves the right to address the congregation and ask them to be quiet as they prepare for the wedding to begin.

### **Rice, etc.:**

Rice, flower petals, confetti, birdseed, or rice paper are not permitted anywhere on church property, inside or out. Balloons are not permitted inside the church or the vestibule.

### **Live-streaming:**

Live-streaming your wedding Mass is available at no additional charge. Contact the parish office well in advance of your wedding to request the live-stream to be available for those family and friends who are unable to attend. Viewing will be available on our parish website. Note that the camera used for live-streaming is stationary, and is only focused on the sanctuary and altar, and does not include the procession or guests.

### **Groom and Groomsmen Arrival Times:**

Groomsmen or ushers should plan to be in the back of church to seat guests 45 minutes prior to the start of the ceremony. The groom should plan to be in the church sacristy 15 minutes prior to the start of the ceremony.

### **Guest Arrival:**

Public areas of the parish center will be available for the wedding party and guests two hours prior to the start of the ceremony.

**Seating Parents and Wedding Party:**

The wedding party is seated in the first row of pews: bridesmaids on the left (Blessed Mother) side, and groomsmen on the right (St. Joseph) side, with immediate family of the bride and groom seated behind them. Parents and grandparents, as guests of honor, may be escorted to their seats by groomsmen or ushers just before the procession of the wedding party. The seating of parents and the wedding party is also part of the wedding rehearsal.

**Alcohol, Smoking and Vaping:**

No unlicensed alcohol is permitted on church property. Smoking and vaping are not permitted anywhere inside the building complex, including the fountain courtyard. Please inform your wedding party that violations of the alcohol and smoking policy will result in the loss of your deposit.

**AN IMPORTANT REMINDER ABOUT YOUR DEPOSIT REFUND:**

All wedding debris and trash must be removed from the church and the facility and taken to the dumpster in the east parking lot. All areas are to be free from wedding debris (boxes, wraps, vases, trash in cans, etc.) There is no maintenance on staff. All areas must be left clean, clear, and ready for our next Mass or event. If necessary, designate a responsible friend or family member to oversee the clean up of the church, hall, and classrooms after your wedding.

# Guidelines for Photographers and Videographers

Please be sure that your photographers and videographers are familiar with the following guidelines:

Your wedding photographer/videographer must check in with the presiding priest conducting the wedding before the ceremony takes place to review our guidelines concerning the taking of photographs and the use of video equipment. In keeping with the solemnity of the ceremony and occasion, the following policies are to be observed:

- Flash pictures may not be taken during the wedding ceremony. However, flash pictures are permitted during the procession and recessional.
- Pictures may be taken before or after the ceremony. The photographer and the wedding party must be out of the church by 4:00pm on Saturdays when confessions begin. Please note that if your wedding starts late, you may not have time for photos in the church afterward.
- Photographers and videographers are not permitted on the second floor of the parish center, which is kept private and secure for the bride and bridesmaids two hours before the wedding begins.
- Video cameras are not permitted in the sanctuary (the area inside the communion rail). One stationary video camera is permitted in either of the side aisles, in a position near one of the confessionals.
- The presiding priest will not wear a microphone from the videographer. Videographers may not attach a microphone to the church sound system or wrap a microphone around the stationary church microphones (at the ambo, chair, or altar) or place them anywhere in the church. Any microphones from the videographer must be reserved to the members of the wedding party to wear.
- Video cameras and official photographers are permitted in the choir area only with the permission of the Director of Music. Tripods must be placed in a position approved by the organist so as not to interfere with the musicians.
- Photographers and videographers are permitted to move discreetly around the church, including the central aisle, as long as the ceremony is not

disrupted. They are not allowed to enter into the sanctuary (the area inside the communion rail). Because the bride and groom face each other in front of the altar with the priest behind them during their exchange of vows and rings, the best spot from which to photograph these moments is the central aisle.

- A separate room for pre-wedding photographs may be reserved two hours before the start of the wedding, following the usual procedure. Please contact the parish office.

## **PART IV**

### **CONTACTS, ADDITIONAL RESOURCES, AND FORMS**

Fr. Paul Marich, O.P., Pastor <a href="mailto:frpaulmarich@stpatrickcolumbus.org">frpaulmarich@stpatrickcolumbus.org</a>	614-240-5917
Fr. Cornelius Avaritt, O.P., Parochial Vicar <a href="mailto:frcorneliusavaritt@stpatrickcolumbus.org">frcorneliusavaritt@stpatrickcolumbus.org</a>	614-240-5919
Fr. Michael Donahue, O.P., Parochial Vicar <a href="mailto:frmichaeldonahue@stpatrickcolumbus.org">frmichaeldonahue@stpatrickcolumbus.org</a>	614-240-5925
Fr. Edmund Ditton, O.P., Parochial Vicar	614-240-5914
Patti Phillips, Office Manager <a href="mailto:office@stpatrickcolumbus.org">office@stpatrickcolumbus.org</a>	614-240-5927
Kathleen Tully, Director of Music <a href="mailto:kathleen@stpatrickcolumbus.org">kathleen@stpatrickcolumbus.org</a>	614-224-9522, ext. 152
Reception Hall Rental (Aquinas or Patrick Halls) Contact: Frank Hartge <a href="mailto:businessmanager@stpatrickcolumbus.org">businessmanager@stpatrickcolumbus.org</a>	614-240-5911
Sr. Marta Gawron, O.P. <a href="mailto:sisterop@stpatrickcolumbus.org">sisterop@stpatrickcolumbus.org</a>	614-240-5912

### **MARRIAGE PREPARATION RESOURCES**

#### **Pre-Cana Marriage Formation Day**

Contact: Diocese of Columbus Office of Marriage and Family Life  
[familylife@columbuscatholic.org](mailto:familylife@columbuscatholic.org) / <https://columbuscatholic.org/marriage-family/marriageprep/pre-cana-formation-day>

#### **Options for required instruction in Natural Family Planning**

Contact: Diocese of Columbus Office of Marriage and Family Life  
[familylife@columbuscatholic.org](mailto:familylife@columbuscatholic.org) / <https://columbuscatholic.org/marriage-family/nfp/nfp-methods-classes>

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#### **Civil Marriage License information**

Franklin County Marriage License Bureau / 614-525-3894  
373 S. High St. – 23rd floor, Columbus, Ohio 43215  
Website: <http://probate.franklincountyohio.gov/departments/Marriage.cfm>

BAPTISMAL CERTIFICATE REQUEST FORM \*With Notations\*

**GROOM** – Please SEND this to YOUR church of Baptism. Or, call the baptismal church’s parish office to make the request with certificate being forwarded to the St. Patrick office.

Today’s Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Church of Baptism: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Dear Rev. Pastor,

I am planning to be married in at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Columbus, Ohio on (date)  
\_\_\_\_\_.

I am requesting a baptismal certificate for the marriage investigation. Please include any sacramental notations.

**The certificate may be mailed to:**

St. Patrick Catholic Church  
280 N. Grant Avenue  
Columbus, OH 43215

Thank you,

(signed)

\_\_\_\_\_

**BAPTISMAL RECORD INFORMATION:**

(My full birth name) \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Father: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Mother (include mother’s maiden name): \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Baptism (if known): \_\_\_\_\_

BAPTISMAL CERTIFICATE REQUEST FORM \*With Notations\*

**BRIDE** – Please SEND this to YOUR church of Baptism. Or, call the baptismal church’s parish office to make the request with certificate being forwarded to the St. Patrick office.

Today’s Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Church of Baptism: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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Thank you,

(signed)

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(My full birth name) \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Father: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Mother (include mother’s maiden name): \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Baptism (if known): \_\_\_\_\_

WEDDING REQUEST FORM - Today's Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Bride's Information – PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY	
Full Given Name:	
Address:	
Email:	Cell Phone:
Denomination:	Current Parish:
Date of Birth:	

Groom's Information – PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY	
Full Given Name:	
Address:	
Email:	Cell Phone:
Denomination:	Current Parish:
Date of Birth:	

Reason for Celebrating Marriage at St. Patrick Parish	
<input type="checkbox"/> Bride and/or Groom are registered members of St. Patrick's Date of registration: _____	
<input type="checkbox"/> Bride's parent(s) are registered members of St. Patrick's	
<input type="checkbox"/> Groom's parent(s) are registered members of St. Patrick's	
<input type="checkbox"/> Bride and Groom are registered parishioners of another parish, and have included permission from their proper pastor to be married at St. Patrick's	

Return the completed form to the parish office. A parish priest will contact you to set up an appointment to discuss your request. (Please note that the wedding date and time are not reserved until after the initial meeting with priest and payment of all applicable fees are received in the parish office.)

**I HAVE READ AND AGREE TO ADHERE TO THESE MARRIAGE GUIDELINES:**

**BRIDE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**GROOM:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_