

MARRIAGE GUIDELINES



**St. Patrick Church
Columbus, Ohio**

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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 through 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—God willing—through the gift of children. 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 each member becomes more truly the person they were created to be in their work, their rest, and in laying down their lives for each other each 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 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.

We also have important guidelines for your wedding at St. Patrick, 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.

These Marriage Guidelines are designed to make you aware of the important steps involved in your marriage preparation at St. Patrick, and to help you plan a joyful, beautiful and reverent wedding. Please read the following information carefully.

GENERAL POLICIES

- ***Parish membership.*** Because marriage is normally 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. Alternatively, a parent of one member of the engaged couple must normally be a registered parishioner at Saint Patrick Parish.
- ***Advance scheduling.*** Weddings are normally scheduled a minimum of six months in advance of the planned wedding day.
- ***If you would like an outside priest to witness your marriage vows at St. Patrick.*** Catholic priests who are not from Saint Patrick Parish may preside at a wedding with the pastor's approval. 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—check with one of the priests at St. Patrick for more information.
- ***If you are being prepared for marriage elsewhere and being married at St. Patrick.*** If, due to one or both members of the engaged couple living far from St. Patrick, 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* and contact one of the priests at St. Patrick to confirm your marriage preparation arrangements. You will also need to meet the priest who is preparing you (near where you live) for the prenuptial interview to establish your freedom to marry, and then confirm the wedding date with the priest at St. Patrick, submit your fees, and confirm your date with the parish office to ensure that

your wedding is on our St. Patrick 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. You will then meet with the priest who is presiding at your wedding at St. Patrick to plan your wedding ceremony.

- ***If you are preparing for marriage at St. Patrick but being married at another parish.*** If you are only doing your marriage preparation at St. Patrick but planning to be married at another parish, you should still submit the *Wedding Request Form*, but note on the form that you are planning to be married elsewhere. One of the St. Patrick priests will be assigned to help you with your preparation, and will be glad to coordinate your preparation with any requirements of the parish and diocese where you will be married.
- ***Nuptial Mass or marriage ceremony outside of Mass?*** Normally, the marriage of two Catholics takes place in the context of a Nuptial (Wedding) Mass. If the bride or the groom is non-Catholic, the marriage normally takes place in a ceremony outside of the context of Mass. Talk with one of the priests at St. Patrick for further details or questions you may have.

Days and times weddings can be scheduled. Weddings are normally scheduled on a Saturday, and can begin as early as 10:00am or as late as 2:00pm. Since our Saturday confessions begin at 4:00pm, this ensures time for your wedding Mass or ceremony and time for photos and cleanup afterward, so that the wedding party and guests can vacate the church by 4:00pm. Weddings are also permitted on days other than Saturday, depending on the availability of a priest and on the church calendar.

- ***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:

STEPS FOR YOUR MARRIAGE PREPARATION AT ST. PATRICK CHURCH

The priest who is preparing you for your marriage will help you through these steps, and will be glad to answer any questions you have.

To be done as soon as possible:

- 1. Thoroughly read this *Marriage Guidelines* booklet.

- 2. Complete and return the *Wedding Request Form* to the parish office. Once the request is received and approved, the presiding priest will contact you, usually within two weeks, to schedule your introductory interview. *Please note that your wedding date will not be put on the parish calendar until after Step 4, below.*

- 3. Complete your first meeting with your presiding priest, at which you and the priest will introduce yourselves and the priest will give you an overview of your marriage preparation at St. Patrick. At this meeting, the priest will complete the prenuptial interview 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 confirm that the priest is available for your wedding and rehearsal date.

- 4. Once the presiding priest approves the wedding date and time, the engaged couple must contact the parish office to have the wedding date entered on the parish calendar and to make arrangements for payment of offerings, fees and a cleaning deposit. When all of this is complete, your wedding date is confirmed.

- 5. Reserve the church for your rehearsal through parish office.

- 6. Contact our parish Director of Music, Kathleen Tully, for inclusion of your wedding on the music department calendar and, if necessary, to schedule additional musicians for the wedding. *Please note that all plans for music must be approved by our Director of Music, whether using parish or outside musicians.*

- 7. Register for one of the following events for engaged couples: Diocesan Pre-Cana Program (one day; recommended) - OR - Columbus Engaged Encounter (one weekend; alternative).
**Note: due to the health precautions related to the present pandemic, these large group events may be temporarily unavailable and so may be waived. Consult your celebrant.*

- 8. Register for one of these introductory Natural Family Planning courses:
 - The Creighton Model Fertility Method through St. Patrick Parish
 - Diocesan Sponsored N.F.P. through the Diocesan Family Life Office
 - An online NFP course if neither of the above options can work for you—talk with your priest for online options.

Further meetings with your presiding priest and mentor couple

- 9. The priest will arrange for you to take an engaged couple online inventory—either *FOCCUS* or *Prepare/Enrich*—and will meet with you one or more times to go over the results with you. This inventory and the following discussions will give you a good, personalized snapshot of your strengths and growing edges in your couple relationship, and provide you with some excellent tools to build needed relationship skills and improve your communication with each other.
- 10. The priest will help you identify a married couple to be a mentor couple for you in our *Witness to Love* program, and help you get started in this mentorship relationship. This program involves meetings and events with your mentor couple, including some brief videos and discussions, going to Mass with your mentor couple at times, and at one point sharing a meal with your mentor couple and the priest who is preparing you for marriage. Just as someone who is baptized has godparents to guide them, and someone who receives the Sacrament of Confirmation has a sponsor to help them prepare, your mentor couple will hopefully not only accompany you as you prepare for your marriage, but also be available to you as you begin your married life for friendship and support.
- 11. Meet with the priest to discuss the theology of marriage as understood in the as understood in the Catholic Church. At the end of this meeting, the *Declaration of Matrimonial Consent* is signed.
- 12. Closer to the time of your wedding, meet with the priest to plan your wedding ceremony.

Necessary documents to collect during your marriage preparation

- 1. Complete and return 2 each (4 total) *Freedom to Marry Affidavits* (unless instructed otherwise). These can be completed by your parents or by others who have known you since childhood. These can be scanned and sent by e-mail or by fax if this is easier.
- 2. 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 marriage preparation course (*Note: as stated above, these programs are not presently available and so this is not required).

- ☐ 4. *Certificate of Completion* of Natural Family Planning course.
- ☐ 5. *Permission of Proper Pastor* (required only of a Catholic party registered in another parish). The *Permission of Proper Pastor* letter testifies that the engaged person is a registered member of his parish, is a practicing Catholic, and has the pastor's approval to be married outside of their own parish.
- ☐ 6. Inform the parish office of your new post-wedding address (needed to update registration and return your wedding deposit).
- ☐ 7. Obtain your civil marriage license (*within 60 days of wedding*) from an Ohio circuit court and give to priest *by the rehearsal*. *No wedding can be performed unless the marriage license is presented*.
- ☐ 8. Any necessary permissions, dispensations, or declarations for special cases (ask priest if applicable).

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

As soon as you confirm your wedding date with the parish office and it is on the parish calendar, please contact our Director of Music, Kathleen Tully, in order to have your wedding placed on the music department's calendar, as well as to hire and schedule musicians for your ceremony.

You are strongly encouraged to use St. Patrick's organists, cantors and instrumentalists. The Director of Music has 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.

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. All

outside musicians, vocalist or cantor *must be pre-approved* by our Director of Music before being hired or even engaged as volunteers. Please note engaging outside musicians may require additional fees 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.	\$150-200 each
Harp	\$175-200
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, depending on number of players

Please note: Additional fees apply if extra rehearsals are necessary.

Music selections during your wedding liturgy

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

Here are places during the wedding liturgy when music selections may be chosen:

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.

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. The Music Director can help you choose musical settings to these selections that will be familiar to many at your wedding. <i>[Mass Only]</i>
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>
The Lord's Prayer	The Our Father may be spoken or sung by the priest and congregation. Solo versions of “The Lord's Prayer” may not be used.
Dedication to Mary	Either vocal or instrumental music may accompany the presentation of flowers to the Altar of the Blessed Mother (optional). <i>[Mass Only]</i>
Recessional	Joyous music may accompany you and your guests 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

Church Offering	\$600 for the usage of the church proper, to defray costs of maintenance, utilities, and staffing.
Security	\$50 for provided security personnel
Wedding Deposit*	\$100 (refunded if the church and other rooms used during the wedding are left clean and in good condition.)
Total	\$750 to be paid when wedding date is entered on parish calendar.
Wedding Preparation <i>Only</i>	\$250 (this applies to those being prepared at St. Patrick but are being married elsewhere.)
Altar Boy Offering (2)	\$20 each (cash) <i>Two altar boys will be provided for a Wedding Mass and the fee is to be given to priest at the rehearsal.</i>

- One 2nd floor classroom is included and available for use by the bride and bridal party to dress and/or gather at no additional charge.
- Aquinas Hall is also provided for the groom and groomsmen to gather before the wedding at no additional charge.
- Rooms for catered pre-wedding meals are rented as per customary procedure. Please contact the parish office, well in advance of your date, to discuss the rental of additional rooms.
- *Wedding Deposit is nonrefundable if wedding is cancelled.

The Wedding Rehearsal

Date and Time. Be sure to confirm your rehearsal date and time far in advance with the parish office and with the priest who is preparing you.

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 conducted under the supervision of the presiding priest. If you have your own Wedding Coordinator, be sure to let the priest know. Your Wedding Coordinator can be especially helpful in lining up the wedding procession.

Wedding party. Be sure to match up your bridesmaids and groomsmen before the rehearsal.

Rehearsal length. Rehearsals last approximately one hour. To accommodate latecomers, you may wish to inform your wedding party that the rehearsal time is 15 minutes before the actual time so that they will be present at the beginning.

Confessions. Please inform the priest ahead of time if you wish confessions to be heard post-rehearsal.

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

Questions: This is a good time to ask the priest any last-minute questions regarding your wedding day.

The Wedding Day

Parking

Parking is permitted in our parish parking lot and on the nearby streets. If you anticipate a large number of people, please inform the parish office and we will consult with CSCC for permission to use of the school lot off Grant Ave.

Bride's Dressing Room

One 2nd floor classroom may be used by the bride for dressing and as a place for the bridesmaids to gather. If tables and chairs are re-arranged in the bride's room, they must be returned to the original configuration before the wedding begins.

Please do not leave any personal items in the bride's room. Take all to your cars – to be locked in the trunk or stored out of sight - before the wedding begins. For your security all valuables left in cars should be out of sight, including loose change, clothing, electronics, and bags. Please remember that this is a downtown parish and Saint Patrick Church cannot be held responsible for valuables left unattended either in the parish facilities or in unsecured cars.

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 permissible. Please observe the one hour fast before the reception of Holy Communion.

Groom and Groomsmen Gathering Space

The groom and groomsmen may gather in Aquinas Hall prior to the ceremony. The wedding party is permitted to bring in bottled water and light snacks if desired prior to the wedding, but no other food or drinks are permissible. Please observe the one hour fast before the reception of Holy Communion.

Do not leave any personal items in the parish center. Before the wedding begins, everything is to go out to your cars and locked in the trunk or stored out of sight (security reasons). Please remember that this is a downtown parish and Saint Patrick Church cannot be held responsible for valuables left unattended either in the parish facilities or in unsecured cars.

Please note: Aquinas Hall tables and chairs are not to be re-arranged.

Flowers

- Up to two bouquets (no more) may be arranged – one on either side – at the High Altar. 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 not 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 priest beforehand so that a vase can be made ready.
- The parish office opens at 9:00am on Saturdays to receive deliveries.
- **Sr. Leonarda Zielinska, O.P. may be able to help with your wedding flowers. If interested, please contact her at 614-240-5912.**

Pew Decorations / Details

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 Rite of Marriage, and is therefore not included in the wedding ceremony at St. Patrick Church. (If someone is a strong proponent of the unity candle, consider it an option for your reception.) Candelabras are not permitted.

Guidelines for Photographers and Videographers.

Your wedding photographer/videographer must check in with the 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 when confessions begin. Please note that if your wedding starts late, you may not have time for photos in the church afterward.
- 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.
- On request, the presiding priest can wear a microphone from the videographer.
- Video cameras and official photographers are permitted in the choir area only with the permission of the Music Director. 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 in 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 if desired, following the usual procedure. Please contact the parish office.

Live-streaming your wedding

By request, St. Patrick's offers the opportunity for you to live-stream your wedding Mass and ceremony for those who have family and friends who are unable to attend. The wedding Mass will be available for viewing on the parish website and/or Facebook. Please contact the parish office no later than two weeks in advance of your wedding. Note that our camera used for live-streaming is stationary, and is only focused on the sanctuary and altar and does not include the procession or the 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 and the Best Man should plan to be in the church sacristy 30 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 prior to the start of the ceremony.

Seating Parents and Wedding Party

The wedding party is seated in the first row of pews: groomsmen on the right (St. Joseph) side, and bridesmaids on the left (Blessed Mother) 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 wedding party is also part of the wedding rehearsal.

Receiving Line / Rice / Balloons

The receiving line is appropriately formed at the place of reception; therefore, no receiving line is formed inside the church. **For the protection of both the facility and the wedding guests, no throwing of rice, flower petals, confetti, or birdseed is permitted anywhere on church property, inside or out. Balloons are not permitted inside the church or the vestibule.**

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 rule will result in the loss of your deposit.

IMPORTANT CLEAN UP REMINDER DEPOSIT REFUND

All wedding debris and trash must be removed and taken to the dumpster in the east parking lot. In order to receive a refund of your cleaning deposit, all areas are to be free from wedding debris – Aquinas Hall, bride's dressing classroom, gallery, church. St. Patrick's does not have weekend janitors and all areas must be left clean, clear and ready for our weekend events.

You may want to designate a friend or family member to oversee the clean up after your wedding.

PART IV:

CONTACTS, ADDITIONAL RESOURCES, AND FORMS

Contacts

Fr. Stephen Alcott, O.P., Pastor pastor@stpatrickcolumbus.org	614-240-5914
Fr. Paul Marich, O.P., Parochial Vicar frpaulmarich@stpatrickcolumbus.org	614-240-5917
Fr. Albert Dempsey, O.P., Parochial Vicar fralbert@stpatrickcolumbus.org	614-240-5919
Fr. Paul Keller, O.P., Parochial Vicar frpeter@stpatrickcolumbus.org	614-240-5925
Susan Livingston, Office Administrator office@stpatrickcolumbus.org	614-240-5910
Kathleen Tully, Director of Music kathleen@stpatrickcolumbus.org	614-224-9522 ext. 152
Reception Hall Rental (Patrick or Aquinas Hall) rental@stpatrickcolumbus.org	614-240-5911
Sr. Leonarda Zeilinska, O.P. sisterop@stpatrickcolumbus.org	614-240-5912

Marriage preparation resources

Online Prepare/Enrich Inventory information
<https://www.prepare-enrich.com>

Online FOCCUS Inventory information
www.focusinc.com

Witness to Love mentorship couple program information
www.witnesstolove.org

Pre-Cana Marriage Preparation
Contact: Diocesan Family Life Office

614-241-2560 / [Marriage Formation \(columbuscatholic.org\)](http://columbuscatholic.org)

Options for required instruction in Natural Family Planning

A) Please see information contained in the red folder you will receive at 1st meeting.

B) Diocesan sponsored NFP

- *Contact: Diocesan Family Life Office* 614-241-2560 / <https://columbuscatholic.org/nfp>
- Plan 3-6 months for training prior to wedding date.

Civil Marriage License information

Franklin County Marriage License Bureau 614-525-3898

373 S. High St. – 23rd floor

Columbus, Ohio 43215

Hours: 8:00am to 4:30pm Monday-Friday

marriage@franklingcountyohio.gov

Website: <http://probate.franklincountyohio.gov/departments/Marriage.cfm>

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. 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	

Wedding Date / Celebrant Preference, if any	
First Choice:	Time: (between 10:00am and 2:00pm)
Second Choice:	Time: (between 10:00am and 2:00pm)
Preferred Priest (if applicable):	

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 ABIDE BY ST. PATRICK'S MARRIAGE GUIDELINES:

BRIDE: _____ **Date:** _____

GROOM: _____ **Date:** _____

BAPTISMAL CERTIFICATE REQUEST FORM *With Notations*

GROOM – Please MAIL 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): _____

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