

CHECK LIST FOR YOUR REHEARSAL AND CEREMONY

St. Mary's Ceremony Coordinator, Marie Gionfriddo,
will be present for your rehearsal and wedding.



REHEARSAL CHECKLIST:

- Start the rehearsal on time;** it is important (and a sign of courtesy). The church may be used for **one half hour for the wedding rehearsal.**
- Invite only those people who are in the procession or have a role in the ceremony.** Remind those at your rehearsal that **the church is a sacred space** and that their conduct should be appropriate.
- Email your **CEREMONY DETAILS FORM** to stmaryls@aol.com no later than two weeks prior to your rehearsal (see below for form). If anything changes after you email it, please bring a new copy with you. Our Ceremony Coordinator will go over any special requests you have for your ceremony and will help organize the procession and ensure all readers are familiar with their roles.
- Give the celebrating priest his gratuity (\$150 is average) if you haven't already done so through our office.
- GIVE THE RI WEDDING LICENSE TO THE CEREMONY COORDINATOR!**



WEDDING DAY DETAILS:

- The church will be open **one hour before** the scheduled wedding ceremony and **remain open for one half hour after** the ceremony. **No exceptions for musicians or florists!**
- The groom and his groomsmen should be at the church **30 minutes** before the wedding in order to usher guests to their seats.
 - The Bride and her bridal party should make every effort to **arrive 15 minutes before the beginning of the wedding ceremony!!**
Newport traffic can get very congested, so please plan accordingly.
 - It is a wise idea to bring a **cell phone** in the bridal limousine should anything happen on the way to the church. A groomsman should have his cell phone ready at the church.



HANDICAP ACCESSIBILITY:

Please inform your guests who may need handicap accessibility to enter St. Mary's grounds through the black doors between the garage and the rectory on William St. and then proceed to the main side entrance.



PHOTOGRAPHS:

- Photographers are free to move about the church in a respectful manner and they may use flash if necessary. At no time should they step into sanctuary! No photographs may be taken in church after the ceremony.



FLOWERS, CONFETTI, AISLE RUNNERS:

- Please inform your florist that all deliveries and set-up requirements for flowers should take place within the allotted **one hour before the ceremony**.
- Nothing is to be taped, stapled or nailed to the pews.
- Note: The throwing of confetti, rice, seeds, rose petals (real or artificial) etc., in the church or on the premises, is not allowed.
- You may wish to take your flowers to your reception. If you choose to leave the flowers at the church, be sure to make arrangements to return any flower baskets or pedestals provided by florists before the wedding party leaves for the reception.
- Courtesy also demands that boxes, bows, ribbons, and other items be removed from the church before the wedding party leaves the church. The church is thus clean and ready for the next event.
- Aisle runners are NEVER permitted** due to slipping and tripping hazards.



MUSICIANS:

- We strongly recommend that your Musicians arrive one hour before the ceremony. All musicians must play from the Choir Loft (with the exception of a harp).

See below for **CEREMONY DETAILS FORM**

ST. MARY'S NEWPORT - WEDDING CEREMONY DETAILS FORM
COMPLETE THIS FORM AND EMAIL TO stmaryls@aol.com and mpgionfriddo1@hotmail.com
NO LATER THAN TWO WEEKS BEFORE YOUR WEDDING

BRIDE: _____ **CELL PHONE:** _____

GROOM: _____ **CELL PHONE:** _____

REHEARSAL DAY & DATE & TIME: _____

WEDDING DAY & DATE & TIME: _____

BRIDAL PARTY HOTEL: _____ **PHONE:** _____

FLORIST: _____ **PHONE:** _____

PRIEST: _____ **CELL PHONE:** _____

MAID(S) OF HONOR: _____

BEST MAN(men): _____

NUMBER OF BRIDESMAIDS: _____ **NUMBER OF GROOMSMEN:** _____

PERSON ESCORTING MOTHER OF THE BRIDE: _____

LIST THE WEDDING PARTY IN ORDER OF PROCESSION: (include grandparents, parents, groomsmen, bridesmaids, ring bearers, and flower girls. (Do you want your bridesmaids and groomsmen to process together?))

NUMBER & TYPES OF MUSICIANS / VOCALISTS: _____

DESCRIBE ANY OTHER SPECIAL REQUESTS: _____

(continued)

** Please circle your choice*

WILL YOU BE HAVING: A FULL MASS? ... YES / NO

SIGN OF PEACE? ... YES / NO

UNITY CANDLE ...NO! (we do not permit the use of a unity candle – it is not a Catholic symbol!)

DO THE BRIDE & GROOM NEED CHAIRS? ... YES / NO

(traditionally the bride & groom kneel throughout the ceremony, however will accommodate those with physical needs)

FIRST READING (from the Old Testament): _____

First Person Reading: _____

Responsorial Psalm: _____ **Will it be READ / SUNG ?**

If being read, Person reading Psalm: _____

SECOND READING (from the New Testament): _____

Second Person Reading: _____

GOSPEL Reading: (Priest reads this): _____

Person reading Prayer of the Faithful: _____

Persons bringing up the gifts of Bread and Wine:

_____ & _____