

Marriage Guidelines for Non-Members of our parish

St. Teresa of Calcutta parish has two churches:

Our Lady of Sorrows church, Essex and St. Joseph's church, Chester.

In order to reserve a wedding date in our parish, please print this letter ([Click here](#)) and meet with your pastor. Request his letter agreeing to complete your marriage preparation, requisite documentation, pre-marital inventory and necessary dispensations and his permission to be married outside of your parish. Provide us with that letter.

Contact the office in Essex at (860) 767-1284 or in Chester at (860) 526-5495 or office@stocpct.org at least 6 months ahead of your intended wedding day.

Fill out Marriage information form [Click Here](#)

Get an appointment with the pastor of St. Teresa of Calcutta at Our Lady of Sorrows Church in Essex or at St. Joseph's Church in Chester.

Complete a Mandatory Marriage Preparation Program. This can be done through the local parish. For St. Teresa of Calcutta Parish, Contact: Chris Mularski at 860-526-5524. Or a weekend retreat through the Diocese of Norwich.

To go to the web page [Click Here](#). You will receive a certificate verifying that the program has been completed which must be forwarded to our office.

Music: Make arrangements for music with our organist three months prior to wedding date. Organist for Our Lady of Sorrows Church is Irene Listorti: (860) 388-9884 or musicessex@stocpct.org. Organist for St. Joseph's church is Wendy Hummel: (860) 559-9807 or musicchester@stocpct.org. Fees for organist and other musicians are determined by and paid directly to them. Should alternative musicians/music be used, a fee of \$ 50.00 is still payable to our organist.

The marriage license can be obtained at the respective Town Hall 3 months prior to the wedding date.

Due to the regular Mass schedule there are **NO SUNDAY WEDDINGS** and the latest a Saturday wedding can be held is **2:00 pm**. Contact the office if you would like a weekday wedding.

Schedule of fees:

Donation for the Church \$750.00

Payable at Registration \$200.00

Payable at the Time of the Rehearsal \$550.00