

FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS

Church Offering \$700.00
**DOES NOT INCLUDE PRIEST/DEACON STIPEND

Wedding Coordinator \$150.00
Jane Witham jane.witham@verizon.net

Music Director
Susan Columbus sacolumbus@aol.com
Organist \$175.00
Soloist \$175.00

Altar Servers (2) \$20.00 Each
(Cash only - due night of the rehearsal)

If your wedding is cancelled after being booked, a \$300 non-refundable fee will be maintained by the parish.

Securing a date. In order to secure a date for your wedding, payment in full must be submitted to the Parish Office, 71 Central Street, Stoneham, MA 02180 no later than six weeks after your first meeting with clergy:

- Payment for the Church may be made by either cash or a check payable to *St. Patrick Parish*. Please note that the Church Offering does not include the stipend for the priest or deacon.
- Payment for the wedding coordinator, may be made in cash or check payable to *Jane Witham*.

Music Ministry Fees

Please contact our Church Music Co-Director as soon as possible to place the wedding in her schedule. Our Church Music Co-Director/Organist is contracted to play for all weddings at St. Patrick's Church. An outside musician may be invited to play with the permission of the music Co-Director. If permission is given, it will still be necessary to pay our parish Soloist & Organist fee, as this is part of their contract with St. Patrick's Church

The Fees for the music ministry must be submitted to the Co-Director of Music, Susan Columbus, no later than two weeks before your wedding.

ST. PATRICK CHURCH ADDRESS

71 Central Street,
Stoneham, MA 02180

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Website: www.stpatrickstoneham.org

Wedding Coordinator

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Music Co - Director

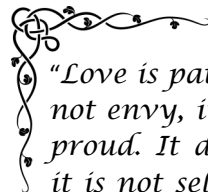
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Your Marriage Preparation Guide Saint Patrick Parish Stoneham, Massachusetts



Your big day is almost here. Family and friends are preparing to join in celebrating your love, and a multitude of details demand your attention. All the smiles and all the preparations reflect what you feel in your heart. This is the most important day of your lives.....standing before the altar of God professing your love for one another on your wedding day. The Church looks to your love and hears the words of St. Paul who saw in marriage an image of Christ's love for His people:

"A man who loves his wife loves himself as Christ loves His Church, and the two shall become as one..."



"Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres."

1Corinthians 13 4-7



Because our parish believes that a "A wedding is for a day; A marriage is for a lifetime," you will find people ready to assist you in preparing for this special and unique event in your lives. Enclosed are some guidelines to help you in planning for your wedding day!

SCHEDULING YOUR DATE & TIME



To set a date for marriage, please call a priest or deacon of the parish at least 6 months beforehand to arrange an interview. Ordinarily, a priest or deacon of this parish will officiate at the wedding. However, priests or deacons who are relatives or friends of the bride or bridegroom are welcome to officiate. Please have them contact the rectory for more information.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION GUIDELINES

The Archdiocese of Boston requires all engaged couples to attend a Marriage Preparation Program. Arrangements will be made with your priest or deacon at your first meeting. **Programs offered can be found by visiting the Archdiocesan website at BostonCatholic.org. – Office & Services/Marriage Ministries.**

PLANNING YOUR LITURGY

In preparing the actual Liturgy, our Wedding Coordinator, Jane Witham should be contacted at jane.witham@verizon.net for assistance with the rehearsal, planning your readings, and selection of prayers.

For assistance with selecting music for your wedding, our Co-Director of Music, Susan Columbus, should be contacted at sacolumbus@aol.com.



Please note: we follow the Liturgy guidelines as per the Archdiocese of Boston pertaining to music in Catholic Worship.

RECORDS NEEDED

Baptismal and Confirmation records of both the bride and groom need to be sent to the priest or deacon no later than 3 months before the wedding. Please contact the church in which you received the sacrament and have it sent to your celebrant. The baptismal record must be dated within the previous 6 months.

RECONCILIATION

Catholic brides and bridegrooms should receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) before the wedding.

CIVIL LICENSE

Your license to marry may be obtained from any city or town clerk within the State of Massachusetts. Apply for your license at least 4 weeks before your wedding date. Allow time for medical certification. Bring your marriage license to the rehearsal.

ETIQUETTE

Promptness at both your rehearsal and wedding is most important! Please be considerate of other celebrations at the church that day.

WEDDING REHEARSAL

Please bring the following to your rehearsal as the rehearsal can not take place without these documents:

- Marriage License
- Liturgy and/or Music Sheet
- *Together For Life* Form – Book given upon first meeting with Clergy.

FLOWERS

Flowers are ordered privately. Normally, couples order two arrangements for either side of the altar. It is thoughtful to leave your altar arrangements to grace the sanctuary for the weekend masses. Please have your florist call the rectory so deliveries do not interfere with church services. *Since our Church is carpeted, an aisle runner is not permitted.* The florist is expected to set up the flower arrangements. No thumbtacks, nails or tape may be used on the Church pews. Bow clips or ties should be used. Throwing of rice, flower petals, birdseed, etc. is not allowed in or outside of the church.



PHOTOGRAPHER/ VIDEOGRAPHER

Personnel, tripods and equipment must remain outside of the sanctuary. No bright spotlights or distracting equipment should be used. The sacredness of the ceremony should be respected. The wedding coordinator can answer any other questions that you may have.

LIMOUSINES

Please inform your limousine company that our church has a wedding coordinator present to assist the wedding party throughout the wedding ceremony. There is no need for the driver to enter the church once he/she has accompanied you to the door.

Please note: State Law forbids the consumption of alcohol in Public. This includes the street, sidewalk and church steps. The church extends this to all parts of the building. Please be respectful.