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Wedding Guide

We are glad you have chosen to express your faith in God and your love for each other through the sacrament of Marriage at Prince of Peace Church. Our team is ready to assist you in making this a beautiful and reverent ceremony.

Attached you will find the necessary information you will need to ensure your wedding date is secured and the planning process follows our parish guidelines.

To request a wedding date:

- The bride or groom must be Catholic.
- Must be a parishioner or the immediate family of a parishioner.
(Non-parishioners will have to be approved by a priest before requesting a date.)
- You must contact the church at least six months prior to the desired wedding date to request a hold on the calendar.
- Weddings are generally not held during Lent. Call the office for exception.

Once the date is requested the couple must meet with Carla Doss, Parish Marriage Coordinator, for a pre-nuptial interview.



WEDDING FEES

FACILITY FEES*

	<u>Parishioner</u>	<u>Non-Parishioner</u>
Church - Sound Technician and Cleanup Fee	\$350	\$1,350
Chapel - Cleanup Fee	\$200	\$750

WEDDING COORDINATOR FEES*

Church – 2 coordinators provided	\$250	\$250
Chapel – 1 coordinator provided	\$125	\$125

MUSIC:

Fees can range from \$500 to \$1,700 depending on the musicians and the music chosen.

PRIEST – No charge, but customary. Stipend amount is determined by the couple.

***All fees must be paid in full 30 days prior to the wedding date.
Failure to pay may result in cancellation of the event.**

WEDDING REHEARSALS

Rehearsal for a Friday wedding is on the Thursday before the wedding, generally between 5:00-6:00 pm.

Rehearsal for a Saturday wedding is on the Friday before the wedding, generally between 5:00-6:00 pm.

Rehearsals must begin promptly at the scheduled time. Failure to do so may result in the cancellation of the rehearsal. Any deviation from the prescribed rehearsal times must be arranged and approved by the Liturgy Director and is dependent on availability.

WEDDINGS TIMES

Friday Weddings: Between 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Saturday Weddings: Between 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. or between 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

For the daytime Saturday wedding, the ceremony must be completed, and all the party and guests must be out of the church by 3:30 p.m. to prepare for the 4:00 p.m. Mass. **No exceptions.**



Wedding Guidelines and Expectations

Congratulations on your engagement and upcoming marriage. We are honored that you have chosen Prince of Peace Catholic Church to celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony. Marriage in the Catholic Church is a sacred covenant between the bride and groom and God, and our desire is to help ensure that your wedding day is prayerful, joyful, reverent, and spiritually meaningful.

Prince of Peace Catholic Church is first and foremost a sacred place of worship. While we are honored to host your wedding celebration, the church is not a commercial wedding venue. All behavior, attire, decorations, photography, and activities associated with the wedding must reflect the dignity and reverence appropriate to the House of God.

Because Prince of Peace is a large and active parish community, other parish activities, liturgies, baptisms, or events may be taking place on the same day as your wedding. Wedding parties should not assume exclusive access to the church property or facilities and are expected to follow all designated schedules, access times, and parish guidelines.

All members of the wedding party, family members, wedding planners, photographers, videographers, florists, and vendors are expected to follow the direction of parish staff and the parish wedding day coordinator at all times while on church property.

Wedding Day Access and Bridal Rooms

Designated rooms for the bridal party may be provided based upon availability and must be reserved in advance through the parish wedding coordinator.

The Bride's Room and Groom's Room are intended for dressing and final preparations only. Hair styling, makeup, nails, and other beauty preparations should be completed prior to arrival at the church. Changing clothes and dressing should be confined to the designated bridal room only.

The bathrooms located throughout the church campus are public facilities and must remain available and accessible for parishioners and guests attending other parish activities.

All clothing worn before the ceremony must be modest and appropriate for a public church setting. Pajama-style attire, robes, slippers, or similarly casual clothing are not permitted outside of the designated bridal room.

For evening weddings, access to the church and wedding preparation rooms will generally begin no earlier than 1:00 p.m. unless otherwise approved by the parish wedding director.

Because Saturday Mass is celebrated at 4:00 p.m., wedding parties must completely vacate the church no later than 3:30 p.m. Wedding participants and guests remaining on campus during Saturday Mass are expected to remain quiet, respectful, and reverent in all common areas, including the Gathering Space and hallways. Wedding parties are responsible for removing all personal belongings and ensuring bridal rooms are left clean and orderly following the ceremony.

Sanctuary and Wedding Party Guidelines

The sanctuary and altar are sacred spaces reserved for the celebration of the Eucharist and the liturgy of the Church. During the Rite of Marriage, the bride and groom are invited into the sanctuary for the exchange of vows as ministers of the sacrament.

To preserve the dignity and sacredness of the liturgy, no more than eight attendants per side for bride and groom (sixteen total attendants) may stand in the sanctuary during the ceremony. Additional attendants may participate in the procession but should be seated in reserved pews at the front of the church during the liturgy.

Junior bridesmaids, flower girls, and ring bearers are welcome to participate provided they are mature enough to follow instructions and participate without causing distraction to the ceremony.

The parish wedding day coordinator is required for all weddings held at Prince of Peace, regardless of the size of the anticipated attendance. The wedding day coordinator will conduct the rehearsal and assist with organizing the procession and ceremony logistics. The coordinator's role is to ensure the orderly flow of the rehearsal and liturgy. Parish wedding day coordinators are not wedding planners or personal assistants and should not be expected to provide personal services to the wedding party.

Outside wedding planners and coordinators are welcome to assist with reception planning and personal wedding details; however, they may not direct the liturgy, rehearsal, sanctuary setup, or church procedures. The parish wedding day coordinator has final authority regarding all church-related matters while on parish property.

Church Decorations

Flowers and drip-free candles are permitted within the sanctuary area in accordance with parish guidelines.

No tacks, pins, staples, tape, glue, nails, or glitter may be used anywhere in the church, chapel, pews, walls, doors, ceilings, or furnishings. Pew decorations must be secured using ribbon or other non-scratching materials. Wire is not permitted.

Decorations may not be attached to walls, windows, doors, ceilings, or other permanent church surfaces.

All flower arrangements, candelabras, rental items, and decorations must be removed from the church following the wedding ceremony and picked up no later than the next business day unless prior arrangements have been approved.

Flowers must arrive pre-arranged and may be placed in the church prior to Saturday Mass if coordinated in advance.



Couples are welcome to leave floral arrangements in the sanctuary for use during parish liturgies that weekend.

Aisle runners or floor cloths are not permitted. Real or artificial flower petals may not be dropped or scattered in the church, chapel, Gathering Space, or parking lot.

Rice, birdseed, confetti, bubbles, sparklers, smoke effects, fireworks, or similar items are not permitted anywhere on church property.

Photography and Videography

Photography and videography are permitted only during approved times and must not interfere with the sacredness of the liturgy.

For evening weddings, photography may begin at 1:00 p.m. and must conclude by 3:00 p.m. on Saturdays unless otherwise approved.

No flash photography is permitted during the wedding ceremony.

Photographers and videographers may position equipment only in approved locations and are not permitted forward of the center cross aisle or within the sanctuary during the liturgy.

Photography is not permitted in the Gathering Space after 3:30 p.m. on Saturdays due to preparation for and attendance at the parish Mass. Pictures may continue outside the church or in other approved locations provided they do not interfere with parish activities.

All photography and videography equipment must be removed promptly following the ceremony.

Conduct and Expectations

All attire worn by members of the wedding party should be modest, respectful, and appropriate for a sacramental church service.

No food or beverages are permitted inside the church or chapel. Limited refreshments may be kept within designated preparation rooms only.

Alcoholic beverages are strictly prohibited prior to the wedding ceremony. If any member of the wedding party appears impaired or under the influence of alcohol or drugs, the ceremony may be delayed or cancelled at the discretion of the priest or parish staff.

Cell phone use should be limited and silenced during rehearsals and wedding ceremonies out of respect for the sacred nature of the liturgy.

All participants, guests, vendors, and family members are expected to conduct themselves respectfully and follow all parish guidelines and staff instructions while on church property.



Acknowledgement and Agreement

We acknowledge that we have read, understand, and agree to abide by all wedding guidelines and expectations established by Prince of Peace Catholic Church. We further agree to communicate these guidelines to all members of our wedding party, family members, wedding planners, photographers, videographers, florists, and vendors.

Bride Name: _____

Bride Signature: _____ Date: _____

Groom Name: _____

Groom Signature: _____ Date: _____

Wedding Date: _____