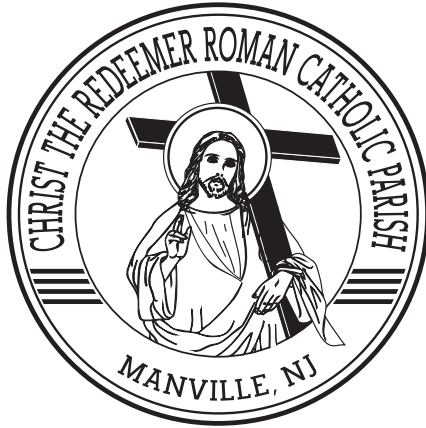


CHRIST THE REDEEMER PARISH  
MANVILLE, NJ



# Wedding Guide



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# Congratulations and Best Wishes!

Dear friends, we are honored that you have chosen Christ the Redeemer Parish for your blessed and memorable day.

Now that you are ready to begin your plans, here are some things you should know about holding your wedding at Christ the Redeemer Parish.

## Wedding Date

## Notes

Before you make ANY arrangements for your wedding, please call the parish office for an appointment with the pastor to see if the wedding date you desire is available.

**ALLOW A MINIMUM OF ONE YEAR IN ADVANCE FOR ALL THE NECESSARY DETAILS TO BE COMPLETED.**

If either party has been divorced and the former spouse is still living, please inform the priest during your first meeting.

## Wedding Time

Weddings are usually held at 2:00 p.m. on a Saturday.

Rehearsals are usually held the evening before the wedding at a time set by the priest. The entire wedding party is expected to arrive on time for the wedding rehearsal and on the wedding date.

**FOR CATHOLICS:**

- Baptismal Certificate (dated within 6 months of wedding)
- Certificate of First Holy Communion
- Certificate of Confirmation

If you are a parishioner and received all your sacraments in our parish, these documents are available at the parish office. If you are not a parishioner of Christ the Redeemer, in addition to the above-mentioned documents you must obtain a Letter of Permission and Freedom to Marry from the pastor of your parish.

**NON-CATHOLIC:**

- Baptismal Certificate (if baptized)
- Letter of Freedom to Marry

A NEW JERSEY MARRIAGE LICENSE is required and can be obtained in the municipality of the Bride if she is a resident of New Jersey, or the municipality of the Groom if the Bride is not a resident of New Jersey. If both Bride and Groom are not residents of New Jersey and have been approved for marriage at Christ the Redeemer Parish, then the license is obtained from the Borough of Manville, NJ.

## Marriage Preparation Classes

The engaged couple is required to attend the following Catholic marriage preparation programs:

**PRE-CANA** presents the essential Christian and human aspects of marriage so that you may come to a deeper understanding of all the dimensions of the marriage covenant.

**GOD'S PLAN FOR A JOY-FILLED MARRIAGE** is designed to help engaged couples understand and embrace a Catholic vision of married love. It is intended to enhance a key component of marriage preparation: catechesis in the theology of marriage and the gift of human sexuality.

**F.O.C.C.U.S.** (Facilitating Open Couple Communication, Understanding and Study) is a premarital inventory that provides a personalized profile of your relationship. The individualized couple feedback covers topic areas important to marriage: life-style expectations, friends, and interests, personality match, personal issues, problem solving, communication, dual careers, religion and values, etc.

Reservations for the “Pre-Cana” and “God's Plan for a Joy-Filled Marriage” programs must be made as soon as possible. A list of the times, dates, and places of these programs is available on the Diocese of Metuchen website. The F.O.C.C.U.S. Facilitator should be contacted through the Parish Office as soon as Pre-Cana is completed. Certificates of completion of all programs are mandatory and should be submitted to the parish office for inclusion in your marriage file.

## Pre-nuptial Questionnaire

Both the Bride and Groom must complete this questionnaire in the presence of a priest. This meeting must be scheduled with the priest as soon as Pre-Cana has been completed. At this meeting, the Bride and Groom are required to present their Pre-Cana Certificate as well as all other sacramental certificates. The questionnaire is a part of marriage file.

In the case of a Catholic/Non-Catholic wedding: Please allow sufficient additional time for instructions and completion of the necessary forms to be filed with the Diocese of Metuchen.

**THREE MONTHS PRIOR TO THE WEDDING DATE -- IT IS OF UTMOST IMPORTANCE THAT YOU CALL THE PARISH OFFICE TO CONFIRM THAT ALL PAPERS, DOCUMENTS, ETC. ARE IN ORDER!**

The church offering for parishioners of Christ the Redeemer is \$150; non-Parishioners\* is \$300. This payment should be presented at the conclusion of the Pre-Nuptial Questionnaire meeting.

Please note that this offering is for the church and does not include the organist's fee, flowers or a stipend for the presiding priest.

It is customary to give a \$20.00 gratuity to each altar server.

Catholic non-parishioners may elect to join the parish but must be active for at least ONE YEAR prior to the wedding date to be considered a "Parishioner In Good Standing."

## Sacrament of the Eucharist

If you are being married at a Nuptial Mass, the Bride and Groom (if Catholic) should go to confession a few days before their wedding date and receive Holy Communion on their wedding day.

## Organist & Wedding Music

Please contact the organist immediately. Only organists of Christ the Redeemer Parish are permitted to play the organ at our parish.

The organist fee is \$250 payable at the same time as the Church Offering.

If permission is given by the pastor for an outside organist or musician to perform at your wedding, please note that there is a bench fee of \$150 payable at the same time as the Church Offering.

## Church Decoration

## Notes

Any plans for altar flowers should be discussed with the parish office. Please notify your florist that tape of any kind is not to be used on the church pews.

For safety reason our parish does not allow aisle runners.

## Dress Code

Please remember that your wedding is taking place in a church. Therefore, when you select attire for yourself and your bridal party, please dress modestly and appropriately. Brides and female attendants wearing off-the-shoulder dresses, etc. should wear a shawl during the wedding ceremony.

## Champagne Toasts

The serving of liquor in front of the church is inappropriate and not permitted. Please respect the church property and reserve champagne toasts for the wedding reception. Be sure to notify your limousine service of this policy.

## Throwing of Rice, etc.

Throwing of rice, confetti, flower petals, birdseed, etc., IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED. Insurance regulations are very strict on this matter. Should any injury occur, YOU could become part of a liability suit. Additionally, if this rule is violated, janitorial clean-up costs will be assessed to the bridal couple, so please inform your guests of this policy.

A marriage is a sacred and religious ceremony. During the Nuptial Mass photographers are not permitted to come within the Altar area (sanctuary) to take pictures. We do allow pictures to be taken during the ceremony provided the photographer is respectful of the religious aspects of the ceremony and does not distract the priest, the couple or guests by constantly walking back and forth. We do allow video recording provided the videographer does not enter the sanctuary or use intrusive lights and equipment. Please share this policy with your photographer/videographer.

## After the Wedding

If you are a parishioner, please contact the parish office as soon as possible after the wedding to update your records with any changes to address, telephone number, additional family members, etc.

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These policies are not in place as barriers. They have been established based on liturgical policy (respect for the Blessed Sacrament) and past experiences; and are employed to reduce the guesswork and confusion that can arise in the planning of such an important ceremony, to set expectations, and eliminate any awkward or disappointing situations.

Adherence to these policies and getting the answers to your questions up front will enhance your overall experience. Please feel free to contact the parish office at 908-725-0072 with any questions/concerns.



# SELECTIONS

for Marriage During/Outside Mass

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Bridegroom

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Phone

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Bride

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Phone

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Priest or Deacon

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Church

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Date of Celebration

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Time

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Best Man

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Phone

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Maid or Matron of Honor

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Phone

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Rehearsal Date

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Time

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Number of Ushers/Greeters

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Number of Bridesmaids/Groomsmen

Ring Bearer: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Flower Girls(s) Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

How Many? \_\_\_\_\_

Organist Contacted: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Other Musicians: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Altar Servers: We will provide \_\_\_\_\_

Have church provide \_\_\_\_\_

(Note for the Couple: After you have selected the readings, prayers, and blessings, and have made the other choices provided here, indicate them in the proper spaces and return this form to the priest or deacon for his information in preparing for the wedding ceremony.)

Music selections before the celebration: \_\_\_\_\_

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Entrance Processional Song \_\_\_\_\_

• Procession

\_\_\_\_\_ Traditional, Ushers, Bridesmaids, Maid of Honor, Bride and Father

\_\_\_\_\_ Traditional, but with both parents accompanying Bride

\_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

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• The Welcome by Priest/Deacon from Altar

• Opening Prayer

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

- Old Testament Reading: pages 10-26 (B1-B9)

No. \_\_\_\_\_, page \_\_\_\_\_ read by \_\_\_\_\_

- Responsorial Psalm:

Sung by \_\_\_\_\_, read by \_\_\_\_\_

- New Testament Reading: pages 34-54 (D1-D13)

No. \_\_\_\_\_, page \_\_\_\_\_ read by \_\_\_\_\_

- Alleluia and Verse

- Gospel

- Homily

## THE RIGHT OF MARRIAGE

- Declaration of Consent

- Blessing and Exchange of Rings

- Unity Candle (*optional*): Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

- Blessing and giving of the Arras - Coins (*optional*): Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

- General Intercessions (Prayer of the Faithful): page 80-82 (J1-J3)

No. \_\_\_\_\_, page \_\_\_\_\_ read by \_\_\_\_\_

## LITURGY OF EUCHARIST

*(When the Marriage is celebrated outside of the Mass the Liturgy of the Eucharist is omitted)*

- Presentation of the Gifts

Music selection: \_\_\_\_\_

- Preface
- Holy, Holy, Holy
- Eucharistic Prayer

## COMUNION RITE

- The Lord's Prayer
- Blessing and Placing of the *Lazo* or the *Veil (optional)*: Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_
- The Nuptial Blessing
- The Sign of Peace
- Lamb of God
- Communion:

Under both Species: Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

Groom \_\_\_\_ Bride \_\_\_\_

Music Selections:

During Communion \_\_\_\_\_

After Communion \_\_\_\_\_

- Flowers to Blessed Virgin Mary (optional): Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_
- Prayer after Communion

## CONCLUDING RITE

- Final Blessing
- Recessional Song \_\_\_\_\_