

Checklist for Planning Your Catholic Wedding at Saint Joseph's Charlton

- ___ Contact your parish church (usually the bride's, but it may be the groom's parish) and make an appointment to meet with the Priest or Deacon for the Pre-nuptial Investigation. Catholic weddings are celebrated in a church.
For the meeting, you will need to bring a recently-issued copy of your baptism certificate. To request copy of your baptism record, contact the church where you were baptized. If one party is baptized in another Christian tradition, provide a letter attesting to the baptism.
- ___ At the Initial Meeting, the priest or deacon will interview you and complete the Pre-nuptial Investigation to determine your freedom to marry.
- ___ Meet with your priest/deacon (Complete the FOCCUS)
- ___ Reserve a wedding date on the parish calendar (*Note: In the case where one or both were previously married (even outside the Catholic Church), the decree(s) of annulment must be received before a date for your wedding can be set.*)
- ___ Schedule a rehearsal time with the church
- ___ Register for Seminars.
- ___ Invite friends and relatives to serve as wedding attendants, readers for Scripture and prayers, ushers, greeters, or altar servers.
- ___ Meet with the Couple to Couple team (Number of meetings may vary)
- ___ Attend one day seminar entitled God's Plan for a Joy Filled Marriage.
- ___ Attend a one weekend Engagement Encounter
- ___ Meet with your Priest or Deacon to select Scripture readings and other prayers for your wedding.
- ___ Make arrangements with the church musician.
- ___ Secure marriage license from city or county where the marriage is to take place. The license cannot be applied for until 60 days prior to the wedding. Give the license to the clergyman before the wedding.
- ___ Make time for personal prayer and reflection throughout the preparation time and attend Mass weekly. The Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist are valuable sources of grace and healing.
- ___ Rehearse at the church.
- ___ Go to church, and marry your beloved.