

CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART, 751 MAIN AVE., BAY HEAD, NJ 08742

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Congratulations and best wishes as you plan your wedding day. This is a busy time with so many details to look after. Please note the following items that need your attention:

1. After meeting with the priest or deacon, you will be required to attend a Pre-Cana Session held throughout the Diocese. After the session, you will be given a Pre-Cana Certificate. Please return this certificate to the priest or deacon preparing your wedding. You will also be given a book "Together For Life". This book contains the scripture readings and prayers for your wedding. Together with the priest or deacon, you can begin to plan your ceremony.
2. You will need a Baptismal certificate dated six (6) months before the wedding. Please do not bring in your original copy. Call or write Church of Baptism and request a new certificate. You will need First Holy Communion and Confirmation certificates. You may bring in your original certificates or request newly issued ones from the Church where you received these sacraments. Wedding licenses should be obtained (3) weeks before wedding from the Boro Hall of the BRIDE in the state of NEW JERSEY. Bring license to Rehearsal. Appointments are usually needed and witnesses are necessary. In the case of a widow/widower, prior marriage and death certificates are needed.
3. FLOWERS – Are permitted in Church and ARE TO BE LEFT IN CHURCH as your Thanksgiving gift to God. Please make arrangements with your florist.
4. AISLE RUNNERS – Are NOT permitted due to insurance regulations.
5. PEW BOWS – May be used if they are on holders. NO TAPE TO BE USED.
6. WEDDING PROGRAMS – Please show your program to the priest or deacon before the final printing to be sure it is correct.
7. MUSIC ARRANGEMENTS – Are to be made with our Wedding Organist, Mrs. Natalya Adasko, (732-600-5409). All music for your wedding played or sung must be appropriate for Church use. Please make payment arrangements with organist and/or soloist hired for the wedding.
8. RICE, BIRD SEED, ETC. - It is our Church policy that nothing is to be thrown at your wedding for safety reasons. Do not ask guests to bring these to wedding. This policy is strictly enforced and we ask your cooperation for the safety of you and your guests.
9. REHEARSAL- Is to be arranged with the priest or deacon usually the evening before the wedding. Please be on time as there may be other rehearsals on the same evening. Only those in the wedding party, Bride and Groom, Best Man, Maid of Honor, Bridesmaids, Groomsmen and readers should be present. Other relatives and guests can meet later at the rehearsal dinner or gathering. Please remember that the Church is a place of worship and the Blessed Sacrament is present – guests are to be reverent at all times. If younger children are invited to be flower girls or ring bearers, please be sure they are willing and happy to do so. No child should be coerced.
10. WEDDING STIPEND – \$500.00 for registered parishioners, \$600.00 for non-registered parishioners and \$700.00 those requesting Sunday weddings. Make check payable to Sacred Heart Church and remit (4) weeks before the wedding date. If you request a Sunday wedding, your priest or deacon will be responsible for the paperwork, rehearsal and ceremony.