GUIDELINES FOR YOUR UPCOMING WEDDING

English Version

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Please review these guidelines as you begin preparing for the Sacrament of Matrimony.

Wedding Guidelines

1. Churches

St. Luke Church	Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish Shrine
55 Warwick Rd Stratford, NJ 08084	135 N. White Horse Pike Lindenwold, NJ 08021

2. Day and Time

- Fridays: No later than 4:00 p.m.
- Saturdays: No later than 2:30 p.m.

3. Lent and Advent Weddings

Weddings during Lent and Advent should be avoided, if possible, due to the penitential and prayerful nature of these seasons.

4. Preparations

- Initial meeting with the priest or deacon
- Pre-Cana
- FOCCUS

5. Documents

For Catholics:

- Baptismal Record with Notations

For Non-Catholics:

- Proof of Baptism

For Non-Baptized Persons:

- Affidavit provided by the priest

Freedom to Marry:

- Provided by the priest

For Persons Previously Married:

- Proof of dissolution of the prior bond of marriage
- Death certificate
- Annulment of previous marriage
- Decree of nullity

6. Marriage License from the State of New Jersey

This is obtained from the Borough Hall of the town where the bride resides. There is a 72-hour waiting period between the time of application and the valid use of the license, so please plan to make application about 10 days prior to your wedding date.

7. Rehearsal

The rehearsal is held 1 or 2 days prior to your wedding day. The office or the priest will give you a date.

Requirement: Marriage license.

8. Church Fee & Additional Services

Church fee: $750. (Please call the parish office and ask for Aislinn Sánchez). **A 50% deposit is required once the wedding date is confirmed.**

Let us know if you would like the choir. There is an additional fee for music.

2 altar servers: $20 — if requested.

9. Photos & Decorations

Proper respect for the altar should be maintained. Please consult the priest for specific instructions.

We respectfully request that you refrain from the use of runners, petals, rice, bird seed, or confetti thrown inside and outside the churches.

10. Music

Organist - $250

Cantors - $175 each

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