



WEEK OF THE WEDDING

- ❖ The marriage license must be given to the priest a few days prior to the wedding ceremony. It is against state law for the priest to perform the wedding without having received the license.

DAY OF THE WEDDING

- ❖ Depending on the church calendar and other events (such as funerals, baptisms or other weddings), the wedding party should arrive no more than 2 hours prior to the start of the ceremony.
- ❖ No food or drink inside the church or atrium.
- ❖ The Sacristy is for the priest's use
- ❖ Post-ceremonial photographs must be wrapped up before 4 pm on Saturdays to allow for the start of confessions.

CLEANING

- ❖ You are responsible for picking up the sanctuary, church, atrium and Spiritual Life Center (if used) after the wedding and for retrieving any



boxes, clothing, personal items, etc. Anything that cannot be physically removed immediately after the wedding should be taken to the Spiritual Life Center, where they should be picked up as soon as possible. We cannot be accountable for items left behind.

- ❖ Please discard trash (boxes, bags, programs, etc.) in the dumpsters located behind the Spiritual Life Center.

USE OF THE SPIRITUAL LIFE CENTER

- ❖ There is a Parishioner and Non-Parishioner fee for use of the Spiritual Life Center for the Reception. Please make an appointment with our Facilities Director at the Church office and he will discuss the fees, set-up and clean-up.

MISCELLANEOUS

- ❖ If neither the bride nor groom is a parishioner, the *church* fee is \$200.
- ❖ If a priest or deacon who is not currently assigned to the Diocese of Raleigh performs the ceremony at St. Peter, a letter or email from his Bishop or Provincial Superior must be sent to the Vicar General of the Diocese of Raleigh prior to the wedding. The letter is to state that he is a priest or deacon in good standing.

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WEDDING CEREMONY PROTOCOL



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We are happy you have chosen St. Peter as the church for your wedding and pleased to be a part of your wedding preparations. We look forward to helping you in any way as you prepare to celebrate the Sacrament of Marriage.

Wedding Ceremony Directives

FLOWERS, CANDLES & OTHER DECORATIONS

- ❖ Please share your ideas with the priest well in advance. He will assist you in your planning by letting you know what is appropriate, ideal locations for arrangements, etc.
- ❖ Please refrain from using tacks, tape or other adhesives to attach decorations to the pews (ribbons and/or rubber bands work nicely). Candles may not be attached to or situated near the pews.
- ❖ The altar is not for flowers, candles or other decorations.
- ❖ Candelabras have caused problems in the sanctuary and are not allowed.
- ❖ The two granite candleholders at the sides of the altar weigh 1500 pounds atop fragile brass bases that can break if budged. All sanctuary appurtenances - candleholders, chair, tables, altar and pulpit - must remain where they are.
- ❖ If you would like to use the unity candle, we will be happy to provide our stand and place it near the altar.
- ❖ Weddings during Christmas and Easter seasons often have flowers and decorations already in place. These and the decorations for the various liturgical seasons, i.e., Advent and Lent, are to stay in place.
- ❖ We do not allow rice, birdseed, confetti, rose petals, (silk are okay). Bubbles are a festive alternative.

MUSIC

- ❖ The Director of Music will help you arrange all the musical components of your ceremony, including your wedding program.

Please contact him as soon as the date is set to schedule a planning meeting (252.757.3259, ext. 211).

- ❖ The Director's stipend is \$150 whether or not he performs. In either case, he will gladly advise you as to the best place in the liturgy for a particular selection. Please remember music must be appropriate for the Liturgy and of a sacred nature. He will see to all your musician's needs, e.g., setting up and overseeing the sound system, familiarizing them with the organ, scheduling rehearsal times, etc.
- ❖ The Director and parish song leaders are available to serve in the capacity of soloist for an additional \$75.
- ❖ The Director has access to a variety of instrumentalists and ensembles, e.g., trumpet, flute, harp, violin, string quartet.

PHOTOGRAPHERS

- ❖ Photographers/videographers are welcome to move discreetly about the floor space below the steps to the altar, which they may not



SCHEDULING

* Please contact the Church Office at least six months in advance of your intended date. The Church discourages weddings during Lent, a season of penance and austerity. A wedding during Lent must reflect the simplicity of the season, e.g., flowers, are not permitted in the sanctuary.

* The times for weddings are Saturdays between 11am and 2pm. If Saturdays are filled, other times may be available - discuss with priest.

