

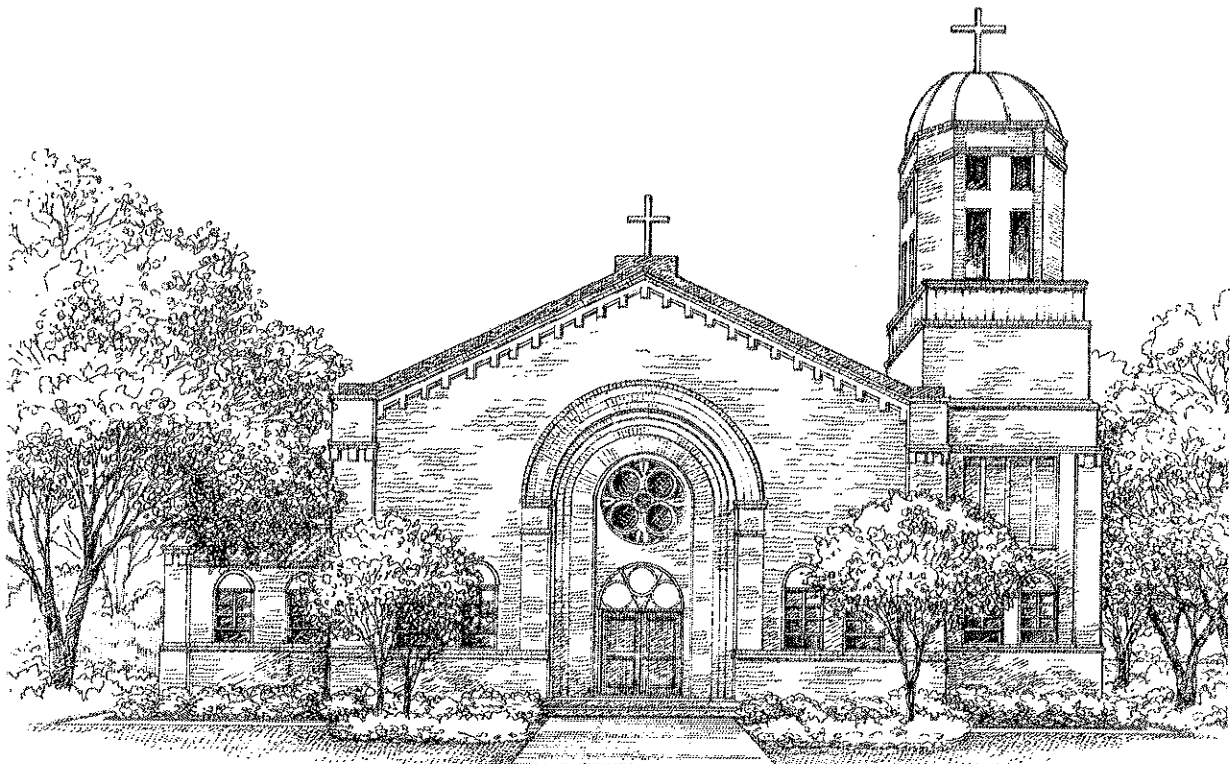
# *St Philip Neri Catholic Church*

*607 Fourth Avenue*

*Kenner, Louisiana*

*(337) 738-5612*

## **WEDDING POLICY**



*Weddings are special and joyful times for brides and grooms, as well as for their families and friends. The community of St Philip Neri Catholic Church considers them to be celebrations of special grace and joy in the lives of families and friends and the entire community. The Church welcomes its members to celebrate and solemnize their weddings in the context of our prayer as Christians. Indeed, so important is the Covenant of Marriage in Christian life that it is called a Sacrament.*

## **Wedding Policy for St Philip Neri Catholic Church Kinder, Louisiana**

Great care is taken to see that the prayer for this special moment is reverent, graceful, beautiful and open to the movement of God's Spirit among us. In this spirit, St Philip Neri Church provides the following policy for celebrating weddings in our church.

This policy must be followed in order to preserve the dignity and respect of the church, the sacramental rite of matrimony, as well as to contribute to the dignity and beauty of your wedding.

1. Respect for the church and its facilities and grounds must be demonstrated at all times.
2. Smoking is **NOT PERMITTED ANYWHERE** in the church, sacristy, bride's dressing room, restrooms and surrounding areas.
3. Drinking is **ABSOLUTELY FORBIDDEN ANYWHERE** on the church grounds. **NO alcoholic beverages of any kind** — wine, beer, etc. may be brought on the church grounds, into the church, the bride's dressing room, the sacristy, bathrooms or surrounding areas. Violators will be required to leave the property. Police will be called if necessary.
4. No food may be brought into the church, the bride's dressing room, sacristy, bathrooms or surrounding areas. Likewise, **gum chewing is not permitted in the church at anytime!**
5. For safety reasons, **no rice, birdseed, confetti, or other materials may be thrown** on the church grounds following the wedding. Likewise, no flower petals, (real, silk or paper) may be thrown in the church or on the church grounds. **Our insurance carrier will not allow such practices** because it causes people to slip and fall.
6. Limited space is available in the bride's dressing room (the "cry room" in our church". Therefore, it is expected that all other members of the wedding party (i.e., groom, groomsmen, parents, ushers, etc.) should come already properly attired to the church for the wedding.
7. All personal belongings must be removed from the church facilities *immediately* following the wedding. The parish is not responsible for articles left unattended.
8. **NOTHING MAY BE MOVED** in the church, sacristy, bride's dressing room or any other facility of the church without the explicit permission of the pastor or one of his associates. This is to include furnishings, plants, flowers, and liturgical décor.  
**Photographers and videographers are not to move anything, even though it may interfere with photographs!**
9. Couples who wish to participate in the Sacrament of Reconciliation are encouraged to do so prior to the day of your wedding rehearsal.
10. Couples who choose to have their wedding on Saturday after the 4:00pm Mass may decorate after the Mass is over but not before the Mass. If the couple chooses to have their wedding before the 4:00pm Mass on Saturday, the decorations must be taken down immediately after the ceremony and pictures are completed within 30 minutes.

## Your Wedding Liturgy

*The ideal model for your wedding liturgy is the Sunday Mass. The same principles used for planning a Sunday Mass are to be employed when you are planning your wedding celebration. The readings chosen, the music selected, and the people involved should all support the marriage ritual and strive to engage the assembly's full, conscious and active participation.*

### NO SATURDAY EVENING MASSES

Diocesan Policy does not permit wedding Masses to take place on Saturday evening (after 4:00pm) or on Sunday. The policy and tradition of the Church is not to allow the celebration of Mass during a Saturday evening wedding.

### WEDDINGS DURING LENT / ADVENT

Due to the penitential and somber nature of the season, weddings are not usually scheduled at St Philip Neri Church during Advent and Lent. If you choose to schedule your wedding during one of these seasons, all of the liturgical guidelines given by the Church for these seasons **MUST** be followed. This means no flowers, pew bows, candles or other forms of extraneous decorations. The music chosen must also be in accordance with the solemn nature of the season. In keeping with the extreme simplicity of the season, the church décor will not be moved or changed in any way.

### THE CELEBRANT OF THE WEDDING

Ordinarily, the Pastor (or his associate) of the parish will preside at weddings of parishioners. Couples from other parishes are welcome to celebrate their wedding at St Philip Neri Church. Their parish priest, who will normally witness at their wedding, should contact St. Philip Neri Church office to request delegation and to schedule the wedding date and time. Visiting priests will be asked to observe Church law, parish policy and customs regarding the celebration of the Sacrament of Marriage.

### THE WEDDING PARTY

Weddings are a celebration of God's love found in the lives of two people which is celebrated in liturgical prayer. In order to preserve the reverence and dignity of the celebration, **no more than six (6) couples** are allowed in the wedding party. This includes Maid of Honor and Best Man. Ring bearers and flower girls are not liturgical ministers, nor are their services required for the celebration of marriage. Couples will be asked to carefully consider the age of children and/or whether their presence will add to or detract from the solemnity of the celebration. If couples choose to use ring bearers and flower girls, it is the policy of St Philip Neri that these children **MUST** be five (5) years of age or older and are accustomed to attending Church. **ABSOLUTELY NO EXCEPTIONS** will be made. They should understand the sacredness of the celebration and the place of worship. In addition, children must behave in a dignified and respectful manner.

## **UNITY CANDLE**

The Unity Candle is a commercial product that has no liturgical history, nor is it mentioned in the liturgical documents of the Roman Catholic Church. For these reasons, we do not include the unity candle in weddings celebrated in our parish. We do, however, encourage you to carefully prepare the many signs and symbols of unity already available in the Rite of Marriage, such as the exchange of vows and rings, and most importantly, the celebration of the Eucharist.

## **THE WEDDING PROCESSION**

The Rite of Marriage states: *“If there is a procession to the altar, the ministers go first, followed by the priest, and then the bride and the bridegroom. According to local custom, they may be escorted by at least their parents and two witnesses (#20).”* We ask you to prayerfully consider following this model.

## **CHURCH DECOR**

During certain liturgical seasons of the Church year, such as Advent, Christmas, Lent and Easter particular décor is used in the church. The colors used by the Church for the liturgical season should be considered when planning weddings, as these colors and décor cannot and will not be removed or changed for ANY reason.

## **REHEARSALS**

Rehearsals are conducted by the priest-celebrant or wedding coordinators from our parish. If you have a wedding planner, that person is most welcome to assist the bride on the day of the wedding in the bride's room. Because they are familiar with the policy and procedures at St Philip Neri Church, all other responsibilities will be taken care of by our parish coordinators.

Rehearsals must begin ON TIME. It must be remembered that rehearsals are conducted in the Church, therefore, shorts, cut-off, mini-skirts, etc. are not considered appropriate attire. In addition, wedding party members are not permitted to chew gum in the church or come to the rehearsal or wedding inebriated. Wedding party members, including the bride or groom, who come to the rehearsal or wedding inebriated, will be asked to leave immediately. Police will be called in necessary.

## **LITURGICAL MINISTERS**

Family members and friends of the couple may serve as Lectors, altar servers and Eucharistic Ministers for the wedding provided that they are trained, experienced, and currently serving in those ministerial capacities. The liturgical ministers will be verified in their respective parishes by the Pastor and/or other assigned parish employee. Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers are to dress appropriately. Low-cut dresses and mini-skirts are not allowed. Couples are expected to inform their Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers of this dress code.

## **WEDDING COORDINATOR**

A parish wedding coordinator will be assigned to your wedding at no fee to assist you by opening and closing the church for your rehearsal and wedding, making sure that you have everything you need, helping with the rehearsal and wedding procedures, etc. It is also their duty to ensure that the wedding policy is followed by all involved and to report any violations of the wedding policy.

## **DEPOSIT**

A deposit of \$250 will be required for all weddings held in St Philip Neri Catholic Church. Weddings can only be tentatively scheduled by the priest or deacon who will preside at the wedding. Once the St Philip Neri Parish Office has received the signed contract and the \$250 deposit from the engaged couple, then the wedding date will be confirmed by the St Philip Neri Parish Office. Alcohol consumption on church property will cause loss of deposit. The \$250 deposit will be refunded after the wedding only if no infractions of the St Philip Neri Church Wedding Policy have occurred and provided that the church and surrounding areas are left clean and free from any damages, residual décor or wedding ceremony supplies. Any damages exceeding \$250 to repair will be the responsibility of the wedding couple. It will be the responsibility of the wedding couple to request a refund following the wedding. If no request is made within 30 days, we will assume that you wish to make this a donation to the church.

## **POLICY REGARDING OUT OF PARISH WEDDINGS**

### **OUT-OF-PARISH FEE**

Parishioners of St Philip Neri faith community provide the financial support for St Philip Neri Church, maintain the church, and pay for all expenses of its operation, including utilities and upkeep. Since weddings of persons from outside St Philip Neri parish incur expenses beyond the normal parish use of the facilities, a fee of \$500 is required of non-parishioners desiring to have their wedding celebrated in St Philip Neri Church and must be paid upon reservation or no later than one week after booking on calendar.

In addition to the \$500 out-of-parish fee, the deposit of \$250 is also required, for a total of \$750. The deposit fee along with your signed contract is required in order for your wedding date to be confirmed. The out-of-parish fee must be paid at the same time.

### **WHO IS A PARISHIONER?**

To be considered a member of St Philip Neri Catholic Church you must be:

- A. A minor under 18 years of age, living with your parents who have been registered, active and contributing members of St Philip Neri parish with recorded donations by way of check or church envelope for six months prior to scheduling your wedding;
- OR**
- B. You are at least 18 years of age, a full time student at a college or university, living away from home, and whose parents are registered, active, and a recorded contributing member of St Philip Neri parish; **OR**
- C. You are at least 18 years of age and have been a registered, active, and a recorded contributing member of St Philip Neri Church for six months prior to scheduling your wedding.

### **WEDDING CONTRACT**

Couples planning a wedding at St Philip Neri Catholic Church must carefully read the St Philip Neri Wedding Policy. No exceptions to this policy shall be granted. By signing and returning the Wedding Policy Contract along with the deposit, you are stating that you understand and agree to abide by all of the regulations stated in the St Philip Neri Wedding Policy. Once this has been received by the St Philip Neri Parish Office, you will receive a confirmation of the scheduled date and time of your wedding at St Philip Neri Catholic Church.

## PHOTOGRAPHY AND VIDEOTAPING

Photographers are welcomed, however, they must keep in mind that a wedding in the Catholic Church is a liturgical worship service and they must be sensitive to the service. Likewise, since most weddings are formal occasions, photographers should dress in a manner befitting the occasion. **Open shirt collars and shirt tails hanging out are inappropriate attire for male photographers. Likewise, low-cut bodices and mini-skirts/dresses are inappropriate for female photographers.** The wedding liturgy is a celebration of a sacred moment. While we understand the desire to record this moment, we ask that the following policy be observed so that the sacred joy of this day will not be hindered by photographic and videotaping equipment and personnel.

1. Photographers and videographers are asked to limit their movement about the church once the liturgy has begun. Photographers and videographers are not permitted in the sanctuary. Likewise, the use of flash photography is to be kept to a minimum once the ceremony has begun.
2. Every effort should be made to let the wedding guests know that picture taking and filming is limited to the professionals hired by the bride and groom.
3. Only lighting already available in the church may be used. No additional lighting may be brought into the church except for photos taken after the wedding.
4. After the wedding celebration, the church will remain open briefly for the taking of pictures. However, since other liturgical services may be scheduled immediately following your wedding, you must restrict the taking of pictures to 30 minutes. Please keep in mind that you are still in church and proper respect and consideration must be given to anyone wishing to offer prayers in church.
5. Photographs may be taken as the bridal party walks down the aisle for the processional and recessional. Pictures may also be taken prior to the wedding, but must be completed at least 15 minutes prior to the time of the wedding so that guests may be seated and the wedding can begin on time.
6. Photographers and videographers are not to move *anything*, even though it may interfere with photographs.
7. The photographer is asked to be sensitive to the musicians while they are actively ministering. If the need arises to adjust equipment the photographer is asked to either wait or to do so in a place away from the musicians where there will be as little distraction as possible. Including the choir loft.
8. The church will be opened **15 minutes prior to rehearsal and no earlier than an hour and a half before the wedding.** The church will be closed 30 minutes after the wedding.

**It should be noted that photographers who sign this agreement and refuse to honor the policy will be sent a letter reminding them of this agreement. If a photographer continues to ignore the policy, they will be banned from photographing for St Philip Neri weddings.**

This form is to be read carefully by the bride, groom, the photographer, and the videographer. All members of the wedding party, the photographer, the videographer must abide by all aspects of the policy outlined above. By signing this policy statement, the involved persons agree to the terms of this document.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Bride's signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Photographer's signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Groom's signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Videographer's signature

**return this form to the St Philip Neri Church Office no later than 10 days prior to your wedding.**

## FLORISTS AND CHURCH DECORATIONS

1. The Church document on art and environment in Catholic worship states: "Flowers, plants and trees, genuine (*live*), of course, are particularly apt for the decoration of liturgical space (the church and sanctuary) since they are of nature, always discreet in their message, never cheap or ill-made."
2. Décor should never impede the approach to or the encircling of the altar nor obstruct any of the ritual movement and action. However, there are places in several liturgical spaces where it is appropriate to place floral decorations.
3. We welcome any floral arrangements you may wish to leave in the church after the celebration of the wedding, but we also respect your plans to bring these arrangements to the reception. Unless arrangements have been made to leave the flowers for the weekend liturgies, all flowers and décor for weddings must be cleared away immediately following the wedding. Décor for Saturday evening weddings may not be set up until after the Saturday Vigil Mass.
4. Do not use tape to attach flowers or bows to the ends of the pews. These decorations are to be tied to the pews or use some type of non-scratching holder that will not mar the finish on the surface of the pews.
5. Aisle Runners present a tripping hazard are not permitted at St Philip Neri Church.
6. If aisle candles are used, they must have glass globes placed over them and be securely fastened. The construction of the pews in the church often makes it difficult to secure aisle candle holders, therefore careful attention must be given to the fastening of these candle holders.
7. The florist is responsible for the removal of all boxes, candle holders, pew bows, programs or liturgical worship aids from the church, and bridal room (cry room) immediately after the wedding and to have the church cleared of such items within 30 minutes after the ceremony.
8. The florist is responsible for contacting the St Philip Neri Parish Office to set up a time for decorating the church for the wedding.
9. There must be nothing blocking the ends of the pews when weddings are celebrated within the context of a Mass, as this does not allow easy access during Communion.
10. During the Seasons of Advent and Lent, the church décor must not be altered in any way. A single floral arrangement may be added in front of the ambo for the ceremony, but must be removed at the end of the celebration.

**It should be noted that florists who sign this agreement and refuse to honor the policy will be sent a letter reminding them of this agreement. If a florist continues to ignore the policy, they will be banned from providing décor/flowers for St Philip Neri weddings.**

This floral and decoration policy must be shown to the florist when making arrangements with them. The florist, bride, and the person paying for the flowers and/or décor must sign this policy and agree to all aspects contained in the terms of this document.

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Bride's signature

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Florist's signature

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Signature of financial provider

**Return this form to the St Philip Neri Church Office no later than 10 days prior to your wedding.**

## LITURGICAL MUSIC FOR YOUR WEDDING

Music in the wedding ceremony or Mass can illuminate the spoken word to make the marriage service the celebrative liturgy that it should be. The Church's Documents on the Liturgy state that all present are to be able to participate in the singing of the parts of the liturgy that belong to the people. When selecting music for your wedding, please be aware that all songs sung in church must be sacred music of the highest quality. The texts of the music chosen should reflect Catholic Theology or from our hymnals. Any other music must be approved by a minister of music employed by the parish. Instrumental music should be appropriate to a service of worship in the Catholic Church. The church organist or choir director must give the final approval for all music that is to be used for the ceremony. You may ask the church office to contact the organist or choir director to set an appointment to select or approve music.

Many people have programs printed for their weddings. Because the participation of the assembly is integral to sacramental worship, we request that if you choose to have a worship aid, that it be a *true* worship aid – that is, one that will include a proper order of service and the music and texts for the congregation's full and active participation.

### WEDDING MUSIC GUIDELINES

1. A Roman Catholic Marriage is sacramental, not just legal; sacred, rather than secular; public, as well as personal. It is, therefore, of utmost importance when you are planning your wedding that the focus of the preparation helps to engage the "full, conscious, and active participation" of those assembled, as mandated by the Second Vatican Council.
2. St Philip Neri Church has a few qualified musicians to serve as organist/pianist for your wedding, it is your responsibility to contact and reserve them for your wedding (additional fees apply). It is their responsibility and privilege to serve as pianist for all weddings celebrated at St Philip Neri Church. However, it is the responsibility of the engaged couple to pay for the services of the organists and extra musicians that are used for the ceremony. These fees range by individual organist and musicians, a list of organists/musicians is included in this packet.
3. Before planning any of the music for your wedding, hiring and contracting a vocalist or instrumentalist, you must arrange an appointment with the Choir Director or organist to discuss the liturgical suitability of all music, vocal and/or instrumental, to be used for your wedding. Keep in mind that not all "Christian" music is appropriate for liturgy. Music that is used for normal Sunday liturgies is a good guide for choosing music for your wedding. Moreover, the music selected must support the readings that are chosen for the wedding, keeping also in mind the nature of the liturgical season. Please keep in mind that the rules of good musical liturgy for Sunday worship shall not be compromised for weddings. If you are unsure of these principles, we will be happy to discuss them with you.
4. Love songs from Broadway plays, secular rock, country and western ballads, "pop" Christian music or "pop" music of any kind is not permitted either before or during your wedding liturgy. These kinds of pieces have texts which do not conform to the principles of liturgical suitability in sacramental celebrations and should be reserved for the wedding reception.



5. As at any liturgical celebration, the congregation is expected to participate in the sung hymns and responses of the wedding liturgy. These are led by a Cantor, whose ministry it is to facilitate the sung prayer of the people. You may choose from one of the parish's cantors to sing for your wedding. A separate fee will be charged to you for their services. Cantors who serve in other parishes may be used provided that they have training and experience in the ministry of cantoring and are approved by the employed music minister. "Soloists" or singers from other faith traditions are more often than not unfamiliar with Catholic repertoire. Therefore, it is necessary to receive approval from the Music Director before booking someone of other faith traditions to sing at your wedding.
  
6. A competent Cantor must be present for the Eucharistic celebration of the wedding liturgy, as it is expected that the Responsorial Psalm, Gospel Acclamation, Eucharistic Acclamations and Communion Song will be sung. A vocal or instrumental selection may be performed during the Presentation of Gifts. However, the Lord's Prayer is a part of the liturgy that is expressly intended to be a prayer of the *entire* community and a solo rendition of this prayer at its proper place is not permitted.
  
7. Note: For a number of secular and liturgical principles, the use of the "Bridal Chorus" from Richard Wagner's Opera "Lohengrin" (also known as "Here Comes the Bride") is not permitted in the church. ***There will be absolutely NO EXCEPTIONS!***
  
8. The use of pre-recorded music, accompaniment tracks, CD's, etc. is **strictly forbidden**.

The Liturgical Wedding Music Policy of St Philip Neri Catholic Church has been carefully read and understood, and we, the undersigned bride and groom, by our signature, agree to follow the policies as stated.

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Bride's signature                      date

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Groom's signature                      date

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Date of Wedding

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Time of wedding

# *St Philip Neri Catholic Church*

## **Wedding Policy and Contract Agreement**

I, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_  
(print bride's name) (print groom's name)

request that we be allowed to celebrate the sacrament of Holy Matrimony in  
St Philip Neri Catholic Church, Kinder, Louisiana on:

\_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_  
(date) (time)

with \_\_\_\_\_ presiding.

We have read the Wedding Policy of St Philip Neri Catholic Church and agree to abide by each and all items. We know that no exceptions shall be granted to any of the policy items.

We particularly agree to:

- Limit our wedding party to no more than "6" couples total.  
This includes Maid of Honor and Best Man.
- Not have more than "1" Ring Bearer and "1" Flower Girl and that each will be at least five (5) years of age.
- Not move or change any of the church décor already in place.
- Accept all other written and implied policies of St Philip Neri Church

We agree to the entire Wedding Policy of St Philip Neri Church and ask that our requested date and time be confirmed and held.

Signed:

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Bride's signature)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Groom's signature)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)

Office Deposit \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Use Only: Amount: \_\_\_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_ Deposit Paid: \_\_\_\_\_ Initials: \_\_\_\_\_

Flower Verification \_\_\_\_\_

# St Philip Neri Catholic Church Hall Rental Policy

Wedding Receptions, Dances, Reunions

Parishioners                 \$300.00

Non-parishioners         \$500.00

Deposit                     \$250.00

Meetings                   \$30.00 per hour

Deposit will be refunded if the parish hall is left in proper order and grounds left clean and neat.

A sixty day (60) notice of cancellation must be received or 50% of the deposit will automatically be withheld.

Rental includes use of the kitchen, table and chairs.

For all rental opportunities, a time limit of (5) hours is enforced.

The hall may be used for post-funeral meals hosted by St Philip Neri Bereavement Hospitality but is **not** available for wake services.

The hall is not available for civil marriages, people who cannot be married in the church, in a Catholic-approved ceremony, are not allowed to be married in the hall.

Serving alcohol is limited to beer, wine, and champagne; hard liquor is not allowed in the hall or on the grounds, guests are encouraged to use alcohol in moderation, respect for the church properties and facilities is encouraged by all who benefit from the use of the hall. **THE OUTSIDE AREA OF THE HALL AND CHURCH SHOULD BE KEPT CLEAN OF CANS, CUPS, ETC..** Violators of excessive drinking will be required to leave the property; if necessary, by police escort.

When decorating, tacks, nails, and scotch tape are absolutely forbidden! Us masking tape only and hang nothing from the ceiling tiles. Any repairs of damage done in the hall will be charged to the renter in addition to loss of deposit.

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Signature of Renter

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Date

## Organists/Musicians

Jordan Moore (Director) & Mary Moore (pianist)	(985) 791-3003
Payton Fawcett	(337) 884-5428
Jason Liles	(337) 842-5103

Each musician/vocalist have a set fee for performing, please make sure that you present payment **PRIOR** to the wedding. Fees range from \$150 per instrumentalist/musician/vocalist on up.

# *Choose your dress/dresses morally!*

## For Grooms

As you are called to be the spiritual head of your family, made in the image of Christ who was crucified for his bride the Church, you should make certain the holy nature of marriage is protected during the Liturgy. Thus, you should openly discuss with your fiancé the importance of modesty. In choosing a dignified gown and modest attire for the wedding party, others will be discouraged from stealing the dignity of any member of the wedding party by glances and the resulting impure thoughts.

If there will be a Mass or a service of communion, please explain to those in attendance the holy nature of communion, wherein one receives the very Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. Catholics believe communion brings the recipient to an intimate union with our Lord – this is likened to the marriage of one’s soul with Christ. The Church—not wanting to defile this union—therefore limits this sacrament to persons who have made the unique commitment of being baptized Catholic and are in a state of grace.

## For Brides

Take time to **pray** about and choose [with discernment] the different parts of the liturgy for your wedding with your fiancé.

Be attentive and choose **modest**, beautiful dresses for **yourself and the bridesmaids**.

Modesty is a virtue that shows forth one’s inner beauty and keeps intact one’s dignity. Modesty in dress protects the wearer from being seen as a sexual object and from being the scandalous cause of another person’s fall into sin. On a practical note, this means that the following must be avoided: low-cut fronts showing cleavage, sleeveless dresses, mini-skirt-like bottoms, low cut backsides, open midsections, and/or tight-fitting designs. Contact the parish office to determine if a questionable choice is appropriate. In addition, keep in mind that the majority of current fashions do not maintain the standards of modesty; however, almost all bridal shops offer the possibility of modifications. This presents an opportunity to modify gowns so that they are presentable in Church and for Divine Worship. Certain bridal companies offer ‘modest’ gowns. **Please be advised; if the wedding coordinator or Priest presiding over your wedding doesn’t feel that your dress is appropriate for a church wedding, you may be presented a bridal bolero/shawl to wear over your shoulders during the wedding.**

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Bride

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Groom

## Wedding Planning Checklist

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. Reserve date/meet with Priest (plan 6 months in advance).
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Reserve Musician(s), select music
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Choose Wedding Party
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. Choose Photographer (see agreement)
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. Choose Florist (see agreement)
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. Reserve place for Reception, Caterer, DJ, etc.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 7. Select readings, lectors, Eucharistic ministers, etc.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 8. Make sure you have paid all deposits required for Church, Hall, etc.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 9. Obtain Marriage License, bring to church for actual wedding.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 10. Choose escorts (have written down) to walk down mothers, grand-mothers, etc. (may use ushers/groomsmen)
- \_\_\_\_\_ 11. Have someone at wedding to pin on corsages/boutonnieres prior to wedding photos.

Provide a list of all the wedding party, who is walking with who, ushers walking grandmothers, etc. Bring this list with you to the rehearsal. You will give this to the Wedding Coordinator.