



# ***Celebrating the Sacrament of Marriage at the Church of Saint Ann***

The parish community of St. Ann is delighted to celebrate the Sacrament of Marriage with you. The following guidelines are meant to assist you as you prepare for your marriage in the Church.

The first step is an initial meeting with Fr. McHugh (860-673-9858, ext. 231) at least 6 months prior to your wedding date. At that time he will go over the requirements of the Archdiocese of Hartford.

## ***Sacramental and Legal Obligations***

- Sacramental records: Baptism (must be dated within past 6 months), First Communion and Confirmation certificates. These documents should be obtained from the Parish in which these Sacraments were conferred.
- Pre-nuptial investigation must be completed with the priest.
- FOCCUS Inventory (pre-marital questionnaire) will be done with the Church of Saint Ann's Marriage Team.
- The couple are required by State Law to draw a Marriage License from the town where the marriage is to take place. The license may be drawn 65 days prior to the date of the marriage.
- A Pre-Cana conference is necessary. Please see the Archdiocesan website for times, dates and locations. ([hartfordmarriage.com](http://hartfordmarriage.com))

## ***Church Donations and Fees***

**Parish Donation: \$400 for registered parishioners  
\$500 for non-parishioners**

*This covers the FOCCUS Inventory and support of the Family Life Office of the Archdiocese of Hartford.  
All fees are to be paid prior to your ceremony or on the occasion of your wedding rehearsal.*

**Organist Fee: \$250 (this is our Director of Music's fee, other organists may charge differently)**

**Soloist Fee: \$200 (but fee can vary depending on the soloist)**

*Organist and soloist fees are to be paid separately.*

## ***Music***

Prior to your ceremony you are requested to meet with the Director of Music, Tom Stockton (413-323-7452), who will help you plan the appropriate music for your wedding ceremony. He can also assist you if are interested in any additional instrumentation.

## ***Flowers and Decorations***

Flowers can be very expensive therefore the Church of St. Ann affords you the opportunity to work with our parish sacristan to reduce some of these costs. For more information, please call Lorraine ZuWallack at 860-673-6317 (home) or 860-751-9784 (cell).

**Throwing rice, confetti or any other material that may pose a slip/trip hazard are expressly forbidden, as is the strewing of flower petals, real or artificial, on the floor.** Decorations may be attached to the pews, but tape may not be used. Please arrange for someone to remove the decorations after the wedding. The church does not own a white runner/carpet. These can be bought at a store such as Michaels.

*We are holding you in prayer during this exciting time!*