



WEDDINGS

AT SAINT CECILIA CHURCH

The Roman Catholic wedding ceremony is rich in ceremony and tradition. It is also a celebration and a blessed covenant by which a man and a woman establish between themselves a partnership for the whole of their lives. The church offers this sacred opportunity to join with family and friends in dedicating your marriage to God, the creator of all love, joy, and happiness. We at St. Cecilia provide assistance and guidance to help engaged couples begin their journey to a loving and grace-filled life.

*“Ego conjungo vos in matrimonium in nomine
Patris et Filii et Spiritus Sancti. Amen”*



GENERAL INFORMATION

We ask that you call the Church at least six months before your wedding. This will improve your chance of getting the date you request and you will have the time to take care of all the necessary preparations. Pre-Cana, Engaged Encounter, or Evenings for the Engaged are required. Most couples appreciate these programs which can enrich your marriage. We will provide you current schedules and information on these events.

Weekend Masses begin at 4 pm Saturday; therefore, if you are planning a Saturday afternoon wedding, we suggest 1 p.m. or earlier, and for Saturday evening, 6 pm or later. This will avoid parking problems between your guests and our parishioners; and allow time for photographs before confessions at 3 pm. Please ask your guests not to throw rice or bird seed as it creates a safety hazard.

In regard to attire, when choosing a gown, the bride should keep in mind that her choice should be respectful of the sacredness of the occasion and the space in which the sacrament is taking place. (*See page 4 for a glimpse of dress standards of the past.*)

Many brides have flower arrangements that decorate the altar area. Please consider leaving the arrangements for the Saturday afternoon and Sunday Masses as an appropriate offering to the Lord. Correct placement of flower arrangements on the altar is important. It is deemed inappropriate to place flower arrangements on the altar, since the priest and the couple stand before the altar for the exchange of wedding vows. St. Cecilia can provide flower stands if your florist is unable to provide them. When placing bows and other decorations in the aisles, florists are asked to avoid materials that may leave a mark—for example, tape or an unpadded clamp.

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MUSIC

St. Cecilia's Music Director and organist is Robert Kellison. He will help you select music appropriate for the sacred character of your wedding Mass or Service in accordance with the liturgical guidelines of the Church. He can also contract additional professional instrumentalists and/or vocalists for you. If you are celebrating the sacrament of marriage at a nuptial Mass, you will need a vocalist.

You need to contact Mr. Kellison **IMMEDIATELY** to reserve your wedding date with him. He can walk you through the process you need to know in order to plan the music for your wedding. Even if you intend to use other musicians, you **STILL MUST FIRST** speak with Mr. Kellison. Mr. Kellison can best be reached by email at robertkellison@hotmail.com or by telephone at (513) 984-3938.

PHOTOGRAPHY

The photographer and/or videographer will want to be discreet so as not to distract the priest, the wedding party and guests from the solemnity and beauty of the ceremony. Pictures and video may be taken inside the church and in the Church gardens. For Saturday afternoon weddings, we ask the all photography end by 3:00 pm; and for a Saturday evening wedding not to start before 5:15 pm



F E E S

The wedding fee is \$950. This includes: the rental of the Church, Mr. Kellison's fee, clean-up, utility costs and other incidentals. Marriage is a Holy Sacrament of the Church and the fee is intended to recover costs the Church incurs. A \$300 deposit is required within 30 days of contact in order to secure your wedding date.

OTHER QUESTIONS

If there are two weddings scheduled for Saturday, we try to arrange both rehearsals on Friday, or one on Friday and the other on Thursday. A Friday evening wedding may necessitate Thursday evening rehearsals. If there are two weddings on the same weekend, you may want to contact the other party regarding sharing the cost of floral arrangements. We can assist you in making contact with the other party.

Because of the length of our center aisle, we do not permit the use of a white aisle runner.

The unity candle is not a Catholic liturgical symbol and we do not use them in the ceremony. It is suggested to have the candles at your rehearsal dinner.



CHURCH AUTHORITY SPEAKS on immodesty of dress



POPE PIUS XI

"A dress cannot be called decent which is cut deeper than two fingers' breadth under the pit of the throat, which does not cover the arms at least to the elbows; and scarcely reaches a bit beyond the knees. Furthermore, dresses of transparent materials are improper. — The Cardinal-Vicar of Pius XI.



POPE PIUS XII

"Take action against this most serious plague of immodest dress . . . On the beaches, in country resorts, almost everywhere, on the streets of cities and towns, in private and public places, and indeed, often even in buildings dedicated to God, an unworthy and indecent mode of dress has prevailed." —Pius XII.

Choose Mary As Your Model Of Modesty

The Marylike Standards

1. Marylike is modest without compromise, "like Mary," Christ's Mother.
2. Marylike dresses have sleeves extending at least to the elbows; and skirts reaching below the knees.
(NOTE: Because of impossible market conditions quarter-length sleeves are temporarily tolerated with Ecclesiastical Approval, until Christian women and girls can be educated to accept fully the Church's regulation requiring elbow-length sleeves).
3. Marylike dresses require full coverage for the bodice, chest, shoulders, and back, except for a cut-out about the neck not exceeding two inches below the neckline in front and in back, and a corresponding two inches on the shoulders.
4. Marylike dresses do not admit as modest coverage transparent fabrics — laces, nets, organza, nylons, etc. However, their moderate use for trimmings is acceptable.
5. Marylike dresses avoid the improper use of flesh-colored fabrics.
6. Marylike dresses conceal, rather than reveal the figure of the wearer; they do not emphasize, unduly, parts of the body.
7. Marylike dresses provide full coverage, even after jacket, cape or stole are removed.

"Marylike" fashions are attractive, yet are designed to conceal as much of the body as possible, rather than reveal. This would automatically eliminate such fashions as tight slacks and jeans, shorts, tight sweaters, sheer blouses, sleeveless dresses, etc. The Marylike standards are a guide to instill a "sense of modesty."

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THE MARYLIKE CRUSADE

BARTHELMO, ILLINOIS



In your preparation to receive the Sacrament of Marriage, a Catholic should receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation before their marriage.

We require a certified copy of your Baptismal Certificate. To get a certified copy, please contact the parish where you were baptized and request that one be sent to you within 6 months of your wedding. Bring your Baptismal Certificate with you at your initial visit to Church rectory. You will also need an Ohio Marriage License. You may call (513) 946-3589 for information on Hamilton County's license requirements.

CONTACT INFORMATION

To reserve a date for your wedding, please contact the parish secretary, Barbara Browarsky, at (513) 871-5757, ext.19 or email Barb at bbrowarsky@cinci.rr.com. A \$300 deposit is required to hold your wedding date, and the remainder is due a month before your wedding. Please make your check payable to St. Cecilia Church and note on the memo line the wedding party names and date of the wedding. Our mailing address, telephone number, and fax number are: St. Cecilia Church, 3105 Madison Road, Cincinnati, OH 45209. Tel: (513) 871-5757, Fax: (513) 533-6066

