

Saint Cecilia's Catholic Church

125 East 105 Street

New York, NY 10029

*PREPARING FOR YOUR WEDDING AT ST.
CECILIA'S CATHOLIC CHURCH*

Congratulations! You're getting married. We at St. Cecilia's want to help you prepare for your wedding day and for your married life afterward. Below are some important details that will assist you as you prepare to celebrate and live the Sacrament of Matrimony.

1. At least six (6) months before your wedding you must make arrangements with the parish priest who will preside at your wedding to:
 - ✓ fill out the Pre-Matrimonial investigation;
 - ✓ register for Marriage Preparation Program (Pre-Cana) classes;
 - ✓ inquire about a date for your wedding.
2. The bride should be a parishioner of Saint Cecilia Catholic Church.
3. You will need to obtain the following:
 - ❖ A recent copy of your Baptismal Certificate with the dates of your Confirmation and First Communion (issued within six months prior to your wedding);
 - ❖ A civil license;
 - ❖ Written permission to marry from your parents may be needed if either of you is under 18 years of age.
4. If one of you is not Catholic, you must make arrangements with the priest for any required dispensation or permission, and for the necessary promises of the Catholic party.
5. If either party has been previously married (in a civil or church ceremony) this must be made known to the parish priest.
6. You must make arrangements for the Banns of Marriage to be announced before the wedding in both your parishes (usually announced on the three Sundays before the wedding).
7. Choose the best man and maid of honor who know and practice their faith – have their full addresses.
8. St. Cecilia's Church requests a three hundred dollars donation and a one hundred dollar deposit payable on completion of the Marriage Preparation Program. The deposit will be returned upon compliance with the following:

- The wedding party arrives on time for the wedding;
 - Rice, confetti, streamers, rose petals and / or other flower petals or flowers are not thrown in or outside the church. (Our steps are steep and these items may cause accidents and the church will be liable. May we suggest helium balloons or bubbles).
 - That photographers and video takers steer away from the sanctuary and distracting the ceremony or Mass – you can take as many pictures as possible after the ceremony or Mass.
9. You are responsible for decorating and removing decorations from the church. You are welcome to choose your own florist. The parish florist is Puebla Best Flowers, 182 East 106 Street, between Third Avenue and Lexington (212) 423 – 0172.
10. You are responsible for making arrangements for music. The parish musicians will be happy to assist you for a fee. ***Donation for the church is separate. It is \$350.00 for parishioners for those coming from outside the parish it is \$500.***
- William Cason – (212) 967 – 5121
 - Jenny Rodriguez – (212) 828 – 5219
11. If you will be printing invitations, the church address is as follows:
- Saint Cecilia’s Catholic Church
- 120 East 106 Street
- New York, New York 10029
12. If you have any other questions, don’t hesitate to call the parish office at (212) 534 – 1350. We are here to assist you.