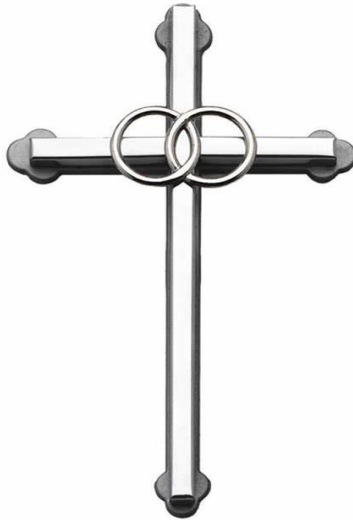


Saint John's Lutheran Church

*1028 Church Street
Fogelsville, Pa 18051*

Policies on Marriage



This booklet is designed to answer questions and assist you in planning your wedding here at Saint John's. (Revision: January 2020)

Marriage License Information

1. The Marriage Law of 1953 provides that no person shall be joined in marriage in PA until a marriage license is obtained from the clerk of the Orphan's Court Division of any county. Each of the applicants for the license must appear in person before the Clerk of the Orphan's Court Division of that county or before an Alderman or Justice of the peace of that county, or any other county of PA, to complete an application. The application must include the relevant information establishing the legality of the marriage, as described above, and list any prior marriages and their dissolution as well as the name, race, occupation, birthplace, residence, and the ages of the parties, and their parents.
2. A marriage license will not be issued until three days following receipt by the Clerk of the Orphan's Court Division of the last application for it.
3. A marriage license issued in PA is valid for 60 days after it is issued.
4. AGE: No person under 18 may obtain a marriage license without the consent of a parent or guardian. In addition, no person under the age of 16 may obtain a marriage license without the approval of a judge of the Orphan's Court Division.
5. No person may apply for a marriage license or be married while under the influence of an intoxicating liquor or narcotic drug.

Church Policy

1. All applications for weddings are to be made to the pastor and are subject to approval by Church Council.
2. Weddings will **NOT** be scheduled during Holy Week and are discouraged during the season of Lent.
3. There will be no smoking in the building.
4. As the couple is departing neither bird seed nor rice may be thrown.
5. HONORARIA

	Member*	Non-member
Church Fee	\$0	\$150
Pastor	\$175	\$300
Organist	\$175	\$300
Sexton	\$75	\$100
Secretary	\$50	\$75

All fees and the marriage license must be given to the pastor prior to the start of the rehearsal.

*An active member in good standing is defined as one who worships and contributes for at least one year prior to wedding date.

6. ALCOHOL POLICY
The consumption of any alcoholic beverage is **NOT** permitted on the church property prior to, during, or after the service of marriage. Any member of the wedding party under the influence of alcohol or other drugs at the time of the service will not be allowed to participate in the service, regardless of who that person might be.
7. THE SERVICE
 - ♦ If a guest pastor is desired, a written request must be made to the church council for approval.

- ♦ It is assumed that the pastor will be in the role of presiding minister, and that guest pastors will be in an assisting role. The presiding minister will perform the main body of the service including the vows.
- ♦ It is assumed that the pastor will lead both rehearsal and wedding. If another person is helping the couple to plan the wedding, they need to consult the pastor ***BEFORE THE REHEARSAL***.
- ♦ It is important to discuss the following parts of the service with the pastor before the rehearsal:
 - the service itself and any additions that you have planned, including solos during the service.
 - the processional and recessional, including the placement of bridesmaids and groomsmen.

8. PREMARITAL COUNSELING

In keeping with the Church's position that marriage is an estate that should not be entered into lightly, premarital counseling is mandatory. Couples will arrange meeting dates and times with the pastor to complete this requirement.

9. WEDDING MUSIC

The couple will meet with organist at least one month prior to the wedding to select music. If a guest organist is desired, a request must be made to the Church Council for approval. Normally, permission will not be granted unless our organist is unavailable.

10. There is list of music provided at the end of this booklet for your convenience. Other music is permitted upon approval by the Church Council, however secular popular music is inappropriate and will not be considered.

"The music selected should embody high standards of quality and, in general, reflect the praise of God, God's steadfast love in Christ as the foundation of a model for marriage, and the asking of God's presence and blessing."

Lutheran Book of Worship, Minister's Desk Edition

11. FLOWERS

If altar flowers are desired, it is the responsibility of the couple to order them from the florist of their choice. Plastic flowers are not permitted on the altar. Live flowers are recommended. Neither the flower girl nor any member of the wedding may purposely drop flowers on the carpet of the church.

12. RUNNER

It is not recommended that the couple use a runner, however if a runner is desired, it can be purchased from the florist.

13. OTHER ADORNMENT

If other adornment is desired, a request must be made to the Church Council, except for the following list:

- ♦ Pew bows may be used if they are attached with rubber bands or string. Tape or tacks are not allowed.
- ♦ Unity candles are permitted, but care should be taken that the candles do not drip on altar cloth.

14. BULLETINS

It is the responsibility of the couple to provide the bulletin covers two weeks prior to the wedding. It is also the responsibility of the couple to proofread the bulletin prior to printing.

15. PHOTOGRAPHY

Please share the following list with your photographer:

- ♦ Flash pictures are ***NOT*** permitted during the service.
- ♦ Photographers may not be in the chancel during the service.
- ♦ Video recording may only be done from a camera in the balcony or in the choir loft. The camera must be on a tripod, and it must remain stationary throughout the service to avoid distraction.
- ♦ All photography must be completed before the couple departs.

Approved Wedding Music

Preludes

Air from "Water Music"	Handel
Now Thank We All Our God	Leupold
Voluntary in D Minor	Stanley
Sonatina for Organ	Young
Ariatta Piacevole	McKay
Adagio	Vivaldi
A Trumpet Call	Scarlatti
Aria	Buxtehude
Dearest Jesus We Are Here	Cherwien
Priere	Thomas
Prelude and Fugue	Pachelbel
Adagio in Classic Style	Hegarty
Berceuse	Kinder
By Still Waters	Lovelace
Prelude in B Minor	Martin
O God our Lord	Bach
Laudation	Martin
Arioso	Bach
Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring	Bach
Lord Jesus Christ be With Us Now	Walther
O Holy Spirit Enter In	Karg-Elert
Mediation	Peeters
Holy Spirit, Truth Divine	Willan
Cantilena	Rheinberger
Aria in F Major	Handel

Processional

Canon in D	Pachelbel
Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring	Bach
Trumpet Voluntary	Purcell
Trumpet Tune	Purcell

Hymns (may be done as solos or sung as hymns)

Love Divine, All Love Excelling
Heavenly Father, Hear Our Prayer
Hear us now, our God and Father
O Perfect Love

Vocal Selections

The Greatest of These is Love	Bitgood
The Prayer Perfect	Speaks
He Shall Feed His Flock	Handel
O Perfect Love	Barnby
Wedding Prayer	Dunlop
The Lord's Prayer	Malotte

Recessional

Hymn to Joy	Beethoven
Trumpet Voluntary	Purcell
Trumpet Tune	Purcell
Wedding March	Mendelssohn

