

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Congratulations on your engagement! The following information should help you as you begin the process of preparing as a couple for the Sacrament of Marriage.

As with all Sacraments of the Catholic Church, the Sacrament of Marriage requires spiritual preparation and as such, the Archdiocese of Atlanta requires that couples begin this process at least six (6) months prior to the date of their wedding.

If you would, please email the following information to us as quickly as possible to start a wedding file:

- **Names of Bride and Groom;**
- **Contact information for Bride and Groom, including home, work and cell telephone numbers as well as email and home addresses;**
- **Are you a member of St. Peter Chanel? If not, to which parish do you belong?**
- **Have you or your fiancé been married before?**

Email to weddings@stpeterchanel.org, or you may call and leave a detailed message at 678-832-1219.

Once this information is received, you will be contacted by a member of the parish office staff with additional information and assistance in setting a first appointment with clergy.

The following paragraphs explain the procedure for setting a date at St. Peter Chanel Catholic Church. Please refer to the appropriate section:

CURRENT MEMBER OF ST. PETER CHANEL FOR WEDDING HERE

To reserve a wedding date, you will need to make a first appointment with the clergy member of your choosing. Wedding dates are reserved only through a first meeting with one of our priests or deacons. In your first meeting, a tentative date will be discussed and your priest or deacon will provide you with additional information. Please remember that your date is tentative until you have returned the paperwork you will receive in this first meeting, along with your fee. A confirmation letter/email will be provided, and we ask that you do not enter into other contracts until you receive this confirmation letter/email.

MEMBER AT ANOTHER PARISH FOR WEDDING HERE

It is customary for the bride and groom to be prepared at their home parish, by one of their priests or deacons. To reserve a wedding date at St. Peter Chanel, please provide the name, address, phone and email information for the priest or

deacon at your parish. We will contact him with a form to be completed and returned to us. Using this form, your priest will be: submitting your date and time request; committing to preparing you for the sacrament of marriage, both in terms of pre-cana classes and required church documents; and requesting delegation to perform your marriage ceremony here. Once we have received this form, you will be mailed detailed information to complete the process of reserving your wedding date. Please remember that your date is tentative until you have returned the paperwork you will receive in the mailing, along with your fee. A confirmation letter/email will be provided, and we ask that you do not enter into other contracts until you receive this confirmation letter/email.

CURRENT MEMBER OF ST. PETER CHANEL BEING MARRIED ELSEWHERE

If you are getting married at another parish, you will need to make a first appointment with the clergy member of your choosing to begin the preparation process. At least six months preparation is required, so please plan your first meeting well in advance. A clergy member will work with you to complete pre-cana and paperwork requirements in order to provide the canonically required paperwork packet to the parish where you are to be married.

WEDDING TIMES

Weddings are held at the following times, with corresponding rehearsal times assigned:

<i>Wedding Time:</i>	<i>Rehearsal Time Assigned:</i>
Friday, 2:00 p.m.	Thursday, 4:45 p.m.
Friday, 7:00 p.m.	Thursday, 5:30 p.m.
Saturday, 11:00 a.m.	Friday, 4:00 p.m.
Saturday, 2:00 p.m.	Friday, 4:45 p.m.
Saturday, 6:30 p.m.	Friday, 5:30 p.m.

(Note: beginning August 1, 2010, Saturday 6:30 p.m. will change to 7:00 p.m.)

With the exception of Sunday, other times may be scheduled by special arrangement. Friday weddings may be scheduled in the Sanctuary only for 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m., except during Lent. Saturday weddings may be scheduled in the Sanctuary for 11:00 a.m., 2:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m., and in the Chapel at 2:00 p.m. (These times may not be changed.) Weddings cannot be scheduled during Lent due to the penitential nature of the season.

FEES

Fees for the sanctuary and chapel are determined based on parishioner status. An active registered parishioner is an individual who is registered at St. Peter

Chanel and who has been active in Time, Talent and Treasure for at least six months prior to the reservation of the wedding date. The determination of whether one is an active parishioner is made at the point of scheduling the first meeting with the Priest or Deacon, and is based upon regular attendance at Mass, volunteer work in parish ministries, and financial contribution through regular and consistent use of parish envelopes or check, so that it is on record at the parish.

Non-Parishioners and Registered Parishioners who are not active:

Sanctuary \$1,500

Chapel \$1,000

Wedding Date can be set between 6 months and 1 year in advance.

Active Registered Parishioners (meeting criteria listed above):

Sanctuary \$500

Chapel \$300

Wedding Date can be set without restriction based on availability.

Additional fees for organist/pianist, cantor, wedding coordinator, altar servers, are detailed in the booklet you will receive at your first meeting.

Again, congratulations to you and your fiancé and we wish you every blessing as you begin your marriage preparation.



*Prayer of Blessing
for an
Engaged Couple*

*May God, who in His gentle plan draws you
together in love for one another,
strengthen your hearts so that you will keep faith with each other.*

*May you grow in your respect for one another and cherish each other
with a sincere love and come to the happiness of celebrating
the Sacrament of Marriage.*

*May Almighty God bless you,
the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.*

Amen.