

## NOTES TO HELP YOU IN PLANNING YOUR WEDDING

### Contact Information:

Father John Weaver: 860-745-2411      Deacon Vince and Nell Motto: 860-745-1865

Mailing address for all of the above: 64 Pearl Street, Enfield CT 06082

Organist: Jim Carroll – 860-328-6097

Wedding times available: Friday afternoon/evening. For Saturdays, no earlier than 9 am and no later than 2 pm

You must have a marriage license from the state of Connecticut. The license is good for only 63 days and can be obtained at the Town Clerk's Office at City Hall in any town in Connecticut. Bring the license to the rectory as soon as you obtain it. After the ceremony, the license will be signed by the person performing your wedding and returned to City Hall here in Enfield. You can then obtain a copy of the completed license from the Town Clerk's Office.

- If you choose to incorporate a Unity Candle ritual into your wedding ceremony, you need to purchase the large candle and two smaller candles and bring them to the rehearsal. The church has a stand to mount the candles.
- The wedding rehearsal is to take place the evening before the wedding. The rehearsal takes approximately one-half hour and can be scheduled anytime between 4 pm and 6 pm. Please do your best to have everyone involved in the ceremony at the rehearsal – including readers and Offertory gift bearers.
- Please avoid throwing real or artificial flower petals in the aisle. Avoid throwing rice, confetti, or bird seed at the end of the ceremony. These can pose a slipping hazard to people as they leave the church.
- A white carpet is not allowed. The adhesives damage the floor of the church and the carpet poses a tripping hazard at the end of the ceremony.

There is to be only one Best Man and one Maid/Matron of Honor. You may designate others as honorary Best Men or Maids/Matrons of Honor, but only one of each will be at the altar with the bride and groom.

You will be contacted by Deacon Vince and Nell Motto approximately six months before your wedding to begin the preparation process. At your first meeting, please bring a check for \$250.00 payable either to Saint Patrick Church or St Adalbert Church. This will cover building expenses for your ceremony and secure your date and time.

Please read the Guidelines for Musical Accompaniment for Weddings at St Patrick's and St Adalbert's along with the list of musical selections available for your ceremony. These guidelines and selections are attached to these notes. Contact our organist, James Carroll, at 860-741-6080 or 860-328-6097 with any music related questions.

At your second meeting with Deacon Vince and Nell, please submit a completed copy of your musical choices along with a check payable to James Carroll for \$200.00. Once a singer has been assigned to your wedding, a check for \$125 will be owed to him/her as soon as possible in order to secure his or her services. Should your wedding music involve extra rehearsal time with guest soloists or musicians, an additional fee will be charged and due to the organist prior to the wedding.