

Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart

Newark, NJ

Wedding Guidelines

At least one of the couple who desire a wedding at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart must be a practicing Catholic who is registered at a parish and able to obtain a letter of permission upon request

If one of the couple has had a previous marriage, an appointment with the Deacon at the Cathedral is necessary and all paperwork must be complete before a wedding date can be booked. This process can take between a month and year depending on the circumstances of the previous marriage. A civil divorce does not satisfy the requirements of a church annulment.

If the wedding will involve a Catholic marrying a non-Catholic, a meeting with the Deacon should be arranged before booking the wedding. The Deacon will discuss your questions and explain the appropriate rite to be used.

All weddings at the Cathedral Basilica take place using the approved Rite of Marriage without any adaptations. There is no unity candle at the wedding nor does the couple write their own vows. There are no exceptions.

Nothing can be thrown inside or outside of the Cathedral, i.e. rice, confetti or birdseed outside, petals down the aisle inside.

Photographers can take candid pictures during the wedding, but there are no posed pictures allowed inside the Cathedral before or after a wedding and photographers may not stop the wedding for the purpose of picture taking. Formal, posed pictures can be taken outside or at another location.

Weddings at the Cathedral Basilica take place on Thursdays at 3:00PM, Fridays at 1:30 and 3:00 PM and Saturdays at 10:00 AM, 12:30 PM, 2:00 PM, 3:30 PM. You should make arrangements as soon as possible to book the church since not all Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays are available.

The couple must make all contacts with the Cathedral regarding all aspects of their wedding themselves. Parents, friends, and wedding coordinators will be asked to have the couple make contact themselves.

The fee schedule for weddings at the Cathedral Basilica is as follows:

For practicing Catholics registered with a parish located within the Archdiocese of Newark
\$2700.00

For practicing Catholics registered with a parish located outside of the Archdiocese of Newark in the State of New Jersey
\$3200.00

For practicing Catholics registered with a parish located outside of the State of New Jersey
\$3700.00

All fees include a Cathedral organist and cantor which you're required to use.

All bookings are handled by phone. Please feel free to e-mail or call with questions at the number and times below.

Take Care,

Debra Loprete, Weddings Administrator
Debra.Loprete@rcan.org
973-484-4600
Tuesday: 9:00 – 1:30
Thursday: 9:00 – 4:00

Signature of Bride: _____

Signature of Groom: _____