

Dear Wedding Couple,

We welcome you in Jesus Christ our Lord! The celebration of your wedding is taking place here at Saint Kenneth Parish, and therefore is a liturgy of the Catholic Church. I am happy to help you celebrate this wonderful occasion. There are many options available to you. I can be of assistance if you have any questions. I realize brides and grooms have many tasks at this phase of your planning, but please try not to delegate your task of planning the ceremony.

Enclosed you will find the instructions and forms to help you choose songs for your ceremony. The song listing is by no means complete: there are many other music selections available. If you have questions about songs not on the list, I am here to help you determine if those songs are appropriate for the liturgy, or if they can be included as a prelude song.

It is required that you use our staff of musicians; however, you may have a family member or friend sing a prelude song or the communion meditation.

Please contact me as soon as possible to confirm your wedding date and determine which musicians are available for your special day. After you have selected the cantor and instrumentalist(s) we will need to meet to finalize the music. Contact me at least 3 weeks before your wedding to finalize the song selections. If you have your song selections complete, we do not need to meet, please email your song choices to amy@stkenneth.org.

I am available for all your questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to call or send an email. I look forward to celebrating with you!

God bless you both.

Amy Sauve

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Wedding Liturgy Guidelines - St. Kenneth Parish

Marriage is a sacred union between two people. The Catholic wedding is a sacrament and the music selected should be appropriate for the occasion. While many popular love songs may have a special meaning to the couple, they are better left for the reception. The Marriage rite you both will perform for each other in the presence of the priest and the assembly is a powerful moment, and everything that happens surrounding it is integral to its meaning. In the same way, the reception/party and its music celebrate our daily lives as human beings; and the various music of our culture reflects that. There are many popular instrumental pieces that are acceptable for your ceremony, in addition to the suggested music selections.

The music at your wedding has the power to encourage or stifle the participation of the Assembly. The norm in the Roman Catholic Liturgy is participatory music. A solo would only be used as a prelude or as a communion meditation. The majority of music during the Liturgy should be sung by the entire assembly, and a little planning and some thoughtful selections can make your wedding a more meaningful and joyous occasion for everyone present.

Music should be carefully chosen and should be suitable to the religious nature of the celebration. The text or lyric of a song is as important as the quality of the music. Just **because a song is "sacred" doesn't mean it is liturgically appropriate at a particular point in the Mass or ceremony.** The music on the website are suggestions. There may be other music that you may want to suggest to the Music Director.

The receiving line and greeting of guests is reserved for the reception/party afterwards. There are time-constraints on the use of the church, and you will need time after for photographs. We discourage row-by-row dismissal for the same reason. You don't want to be redundant with your time on this special day; it will go by quickly enough!

The wedding coordinators who will be assigned to your wedding are an invaluable resource; they will coordinate your wedding rehearsal as well as be there to insure the smooth flow of your preparations at the church.

If you have any questions at all, don't hesitate to contact Amy Sauve.

God bless you! You are in our prayers!

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Instructions for filling out the Wedding Liturgy Form

AS SOON AS YOU CAN, select the cantor & instrumentalists of your choice from the Saint Kenneth Website: <https://stkenneth.org/music-ministries> and contact Amy Sauve with your choices.

When you are making your selections for the parts of the liturgy, refer to the website for the song selections: <https://stkenneth.org/music-ministries>. Refer to the Together For Life booklet for the readings.

Parts of the Liturgy

Entrance Procession: Select a song for the procession & seating of grandparents, parents, & God parents.

Wedding Party Procession: Select a song for the procession & seating of the wedding party, flower girl, and ring bearer, OR choose to continue using the Entrance Procession song.

Bridal Procession: Select a song for the procession & seating of the Bride.

At this point, Fr. Tom will greet everyone, then invite the mother's to come and light the side candles near the Unity Candle, if you choose to have a Unity Candle.

He will invite all to be seated for the liturgy of the Word, then invite the first reader to come forward to proclaim the Old Testament Reading.

Old Testament Reading: Indicate the number of the reading and the reader.

Responsorial Psalm: Select a Psalm for the cantor to sing.

New Testament Reading: Indicate the number of the reading and the reader.

Gospel Acclamation: The Celtic Alleluia is sung before the Gospel.

Gospel Reading: Indicate the number of the reading. The presider proclaims the Gospel.

Exchange of Consent and Vows and **Blessing of the Rings:** Indicate your choices.

At this point, the couple will light the **Unity Candle**, if you will have a Unity Candle.

Prayers of the Faithful: Select your prayers and your reader. If you need assistance with these, please contact Fr. Tom at 734-420-0288.

If you are not celebrating with Mass:

We say **The Lord's Prayer**, offer the **Sign of Peace**, and then the **Nuptial Blessing**.

Finally, choose your **Recessional** song.

If you are celebrating with Mass:

Fill out the form indicating who will bring up the gifts of Bread and Wine at the Offertory.

Choose the **Presentation of Gifts** song.

We say **The Lord's Prayer**, then offer the **Sign of Peace**.

Select a **Communion** song to be sung during the distribution of communion.

Finally, select a **Recessional** song.

St. Kenneth Cantors

The **cantor** is the singer that leads the congregation. Our wedding cantors are professional singers. The cantors on the website are just a few of our trained singers.

The cantors on the website are as follows:

Paula Steele

Isabelle Lundin

Mary Martin (Summer months only)

Here are some additional singers, not on the website:

Beth Gault

Brian Owens

Or, any Saint Kenneth cantor you hear at mass

If you would like to hear these cantors at mass, please let me know. I would be happy to share our cantor schedule with you so you can put a face with the name or come to a particular mass to hear these cantors.

If there is a cantor at mass who is not listed here, and you wish to hire him/her for your ceremony, please let me know and I will check their availability.

Instrumentalists on the website are as follows:

Nick Wilczynski, Saxophone

Paul Lundin, Violin

Donna Kallie, Flute

Damon Warmack, Bass

Julian VanSlyke, Drums

Dave Cavanaugh, Guitar

Amy Sauve will be the pianist & music coordinator for your wedding.

Your first step is to choose your cantor and any additional instrumentalists you wish to hire. Please email or call me at your earliest convenience.

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Wedding Ceremony Song Options

Procession Possibilities:

Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring, Bach
All I Ask of You, Webber
What A Wonderful World, Weiss
Can't Help Falling in Love, Weiss

Ave Maria, Schubert
Alla Hornpipe, Handel
Somewhere in Time, Barry
A Thousand Years, Perri

Etude, Chopin
Claire De Lune, Debussy
Trumpet Voluntary, Clarke
Canon in D, Pachelbel

Responsorial Psalm Possibilities:

Blest Are Those Who Love You, Haugen I Will Praise Your Name, Cotter Let Us Rejoice, Tomaszek

Presentation of the Gifts Possibilities:

I Have Loved You, Joncas
Let There Be Peace On Earth, Miller

Here I Am, Lord, Schutte
Amazing Grace, Newton

How Great Thou Art, trad.
In Christ Alone, Getty

Communion Possibilities:

The Prayer, Foster
How Beautiful, Paris

I Am the Bread of Life, Toolan
One Bread, One Body, Foley

Thy Word, Smith
We Are One Body, Scallon

Recessional Possibilities:

Wedding March, Mendelssohn
Ode to Joy, Beethoven
You Are the Best Thing, LaMontagne

Trumpet Voluntary, Clarke
Here Comes the Sun, Harrison

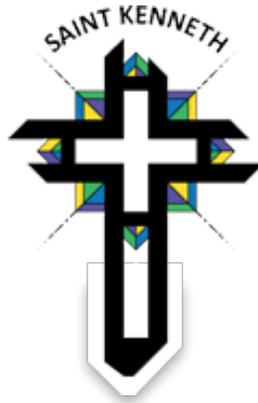
Spring, Vivaldi

ALL SONG OPTIONS CAN BE FOUND ON THE WEBSITE: <https://stkenneth.org/music-ministries>

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Please feel free to request songs not found on this list.

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Wedding Ceremony Fees

Please circle all that apply:

Piano with Cantor	\$350*
<i>Additional Instrumentalists</i>	
Violin	\$100*
Saxophone	\$100*
Guitar	\$100*
Flute	\$100*
Bass	\$100*
Drums	\$100*
Additional Singer	\$100*
<i>Full Band</i>	
Piano, Cantor, Guitar, Bass, Drums, Saxophone	\$750*

*Payment is due prior to your wedding ceremony.

If you have talented family or friends that you wish to add to your ceremony, they may play/sing for Prelude Songs or Communion Songs. Please feel free to give them my contact information so they may get in touch with me.

If your wedding will take place outside of the Plymouth/Northville area, please add a \$20 travel fee for each musician.

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