



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](mailto: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, you are in our prayers!

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**-YOU KEEP THIS PACKET-**

## Wedding Liturgy Guidelines

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.

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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.



## **Saint 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.

If there is a particular cantor at mass or on the website you wish to hire for your ceremony, please let me know and I will check their availability. If you don't have a preference, I will choose the best cantor for the style of music you have chosen.

Any of the following Instrumentalists are also available for hire:

*Saxophone*

*Violin*

*Flute*

*Bass*

*Drums*

*Guitar*

*Additional Singer*

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. I will be the pianist & music coordinator for your wedding.

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## Wedding Ceremony Song Options

### ***Procession Possibilities:***

Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring, Bach\*  
Trumpet Voluntary, Clarke\*  
What A Wonderful World, Weiss\*  
Can't Help Falling in Love, Weiss\*  
Over the Rainbow, Arlen\*

Ave Maria, Schubert or Bach  
Glasgow Love Theme, Smith\*  
Somewhere in Time, Barry\*  
River Flows in You, Yiruma\*  
Make You Feel My Love, Dylan\*

Etude, Chopin\*  
A Thousand Years, Perri\*  
All I Ask of You, Webber  
Canon in D, Pachelbel\*  
Alla Hornpipe, Handel\*

### ***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:***

What A Beautiful Name, Fielding  
Let There Be Peace On Earth, Miller

Here I Am, Lord, Schutte  
In Christ Alone, Getty

How Great Thou Art, trad.  
Lord, I Need You, Nockels

### ***Communion Possibilities:***

I Am the Bread of Life, Toolan  
How Beautiful, Paris  
We Are One Body, Scallon

The Prayer, Foster  
One Bread, One Body, Foley  
O Come to the Altar, Brown

Blessings, Story  
I Can Only Imagine, Millard  
Thy Word, Smith

### ***Recessional Possibilities:***

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

Trumpet Voluntary, Clarke\*  
Here Comes the Sun, Harrison\*  
All You Need is Love, Lennon\*

Spring, Vivaldi\*  
Speechless, Smyers\*  
How Sweet it Is, Gaye\*

Some of these song choices can be found on our website: <https://stkenneth.org/music-ministries>

\* Indicates instrumental song, not sung

This list of options is in no way complete.

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

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## Wedding Ceremony Music Fees

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

**Payment is due prior to your wedding ceremony.** Please pay with cash or a check made out to Amy Sauve. Put the payment in an envelope marked Amy Sauve and give it to Fr. Tom or your wedding coordinators.

If you have talented family or friends that you wish to add to your ceremony, they may play/sing for Prelude Songs or the Communion Song. 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/Livonia area, please add a \$25 travel fee for each musician.

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