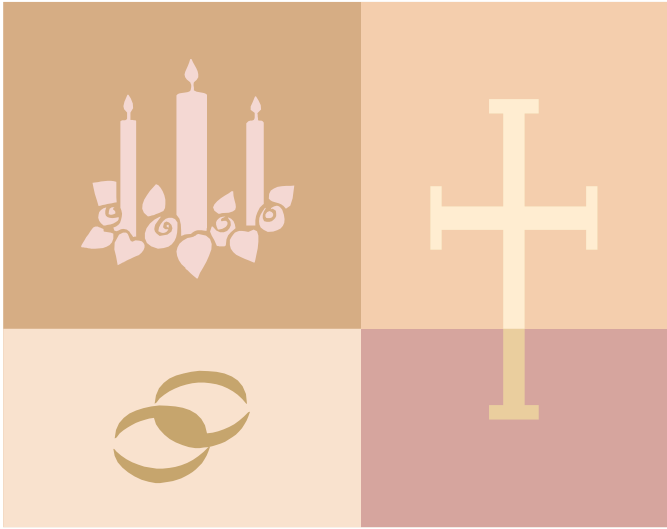


St. John Vianney Parish

Gladwyne, Pennsylvania

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Dear Friends,

The beauty and dignity of marriage was confirmed by
the Church at the Second Vatican Council:

“Marriage is the intimate, exclusive, indissoluble communion of life and love entered by man and woman at the design of the Creator for the purpose of their own good and the procreation and education of children; this covenant between baptized persons has been raised by Christ the Lord to the dignity of a sacrament.”

Gadium et Spes, #48

Congratulations

Congratulations on your upcoming wedding!
The following has been compiled to help in your preparation for your wedding day.

Weddings at Saint John Vianney are celebrated on Saturdays at 12:30 P.M. and 2:30 P.M.

All weddings must be scheduled and confirmed by a parish priest at least six months before the wedding date.

General Requirements and Necessary Documents for Marriage:

1. Recently issued Baptismal Certificate from the parish of Baptism (not sooner than 6 months before the wedding date) for both the bride and groom.
2. Two signed witness documents for freedom to marry for each the groom and bride.
3. Letter of Permission from pastor of the parish where you are registered.
4. Pre-Nuptial Investigation (PNI) completed by the priest
5. Completed Liturgy Planning documents returned to the Parish Office one month prior to the wedding with all wedding fees.
6. The couple must meet with the parish priest to plan the liturgy, discuss Christian marriage, and complete other necessary documentation.
7. A Civil Marriage License obtained from any county seat in Pennsylvania.
8. In some cases, additional dispensations or permissions may be required from the Archdiocese of Philadelphia.

The celebration of your wedding is contingent upon the successful completion of all canonical and civil conditions and paperwork requirements as outlined in these marriage guidelines.

Marriage Preparation Programs

Evidence is required that the couple attended Pre-Cana marital courses through the Archdiocesan program for marriage prep. These programs are widely available through the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. Registrations for Archdiocesan Pre-Cana Programs take place through: <http://phillycatholicmarriageprep.com/>

Rehearsals

Wedding rehearsals are generally held on Friday evenings at 4:00PM or 5:00PM. Please schedule your rehearsal with the parish priest.

General Rules

Floral arrangements, in virtue of their use at the altar, are consecrated to God and therefore must be left as a donation in the sanctuary of the Church after the ceremony.

Photography is permitted during the ceremony provided that the photographer is discreet and remains outside the sanctuary.

Candles and aisle runners at the end of the pews are not permitted. Reception lines are not permitted in the Church.

Rice and confetti cause a real danger and grave inconvenience. Please ask your guests not to throw them.

No alcoholic beverages of any kind are permitted on church property. Neither the bride nor the groom may be intoxicated for the wedding. Doing so would risk the immediate cancellation of the wedding as per the priests' judgement.

These guidelines are by no means all inclusive. It is our intention to do all we can to preserve and to manifest the meaning, dignity, and beauty of the Sacrament of Matrimony and of your marriage in particular.

For your planning purposes, the Church has 34 pews, 17 pews on each side, 10 people per pew. The length of the main isle is 57'4.

Thank you for observing these standards for your wedding celebration.

Wedding Fees

Church Fee: \$1,200.00
Wedding Coordinator: \$200.00
Altar Servers (1): \$20.00 (cash)

Music

Music for your wedding is to be liturgical/sacred in nature and in keeping with the traditions and norms of the Roman Catholic Church. Please contact Dr. Cara Latham, Director Sacred Music (clatham@sjvgladwyne.com), three months prior to your wedding to plan the music. If another organist is used, a bench fee will be required.

Music Fees

Organist: \$350.00
Bench Fee: \$150.00
Cantor: \$350.00

All fees are to be paid one month prior to wedding.

Music Fees are to be paid when meeting with the Director of Sacred Music.

All fees are set by the unanimous decision of the Parish Finance Committee.

All marriage questions can be directed to Matt Robinson, Director of Pastoral Services, at mrobinson@sjvgladwyne.com.

Congratulations!

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