# St. Julia Parish Wedding Information Guide

ST. JULIA PARISH

WESTON & LINCOLN, MA

Welcome to the St. Julia Parish Wedding Web site. www.stjulia.org It is our hope that this site will be beneficial to you as you plan your wedding. Please carefully review the Marriage information on the following pages.

## We have two church locations:

St. Julia Church
374 Boston Post Weston, MA. 02193
781-899-2611 - fax: 781-899-8046
Seating capacity of 400

St. Joseph Church
142 Lincoln Rd., Lincoln, MA. 01773
781-899-2611
Seating capacity of 120

Both of our churches are air conditioned.

Congratulations on your upcoming wedding!
We are honored to celebrate the Sacrament of Marriage with you

## Contact Information for both Churches

Office: 781-899-2611
Fax: 781-899-8046
Email: parish@stjulia.org

# Starting the Wedding Process

Six to twelve months in advance of your wedding.

Select a date you would like to have for your wedding, and telephone St. Julia Parish Office in Weston to make an appointment to meet with the priest, who will check the availability of the date you have requested, and will give you an appointment for your first meeting with him. This first meeting will give both you and the priest an opportunity to get to know each other as well as to discuss the vocation of marriage.

At this first meeting, the priest will began the documentation to start the wedding process. You will have two or three meetings in the months to follow. These meetings will help provide spiritual and practical support as your prepare for your special day.

Together you will fill out the necessary forms for the wedding and receive information on acquiring documents needed for your marriage. If you have received Baptism and Confirmation within St. Julia Parish, our Parish Office will provide the copies.

If you were not baptized or confirmed at St. Julia or St. Joseph Churches you will need to contact the parish you received the sacraments in and have them mail/email a validation for the reception of the sacrament/s to our Parish Office.

If one of the couple is a non-Catholic Christian, he or she should bring a copy (or letter) certifying Baptism in his or her denomination.

If one of the couple is Catholic but not a member of St. Julia Parish, a letter of permission will be required from the pastor of the parish in which they currently reside or are registered.

# Visiting Priest or Deacon

If you have or know a priest or deacon you would like to officiate at your wedding, please inform the priest of this at your first meeting.

# Marriage License

A Marriage License is required for you to be married. This may be obtained from any City or Town Hall in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. The license is valid for 60 days.

# Marriage Preparation Program (Pre-Cana)

Marriage is a deep and lifelong commitment. Our faith and church encourages appropriate preparation. In addition to meetings with the priest or deacon, the couple must attend one of the various pre-marriage enrichment programs such as Pre-Cana or

**Catholic Engaged Encounter**. The program and attendance will be explained to you by the priest or deacon during your meetings. The program is paid for by the couple and the certificate of attendance is given to the priest or deacon at one of your meetings. You are asked to attend one of the sessions, which are offered throughout the year.

**Pre-Cana Offerings and Schedules:**

Archdiocese of Boston ALL Program Schedule- http://www.bostoncatholic.org/Offices-And-Services/Office-Detail.aspx?id=11658&pid=478

The Paulist Center in Boston- http://paulistboston.com/paulist-center-groups/marriage-preparation/

# Wedding Music

You should contact the Music Director of the church where you are planning to have your wedding. The music director will reserve your wedding date for music accompaniment and make arrangements for the Cantor or any other musicians that you wish to engage for your wedding.

Church musicians and cantors are used for all weddings. Guests musicians and cantors, although welcome, will be a supplement to the church musicians, not a replacement.

# Wedding Rehearsal

The wedding rehearsal is scheduled one or two days before your wedding. This will be conducted in the church and lasts approximately 45 min to 1 hour. The time is usually set at 5:00 PM, but this can be changed to accommodate all parties. Rehearsals are attended by anyone directly involved in the wedding ceremony. It would normally include the Bride, Groom, wedding party, parents, readers, gift bearers.

# Wedding Costs

While there is no fee for the sacrament of Marriage, it is customary to provide a donation to the church. This helps support our parish and covers all costs for your wedding to include music (director/organist/cantor), and preparatory assistance given to you by our parish.

**Total $1,000**

**Please make check payable to: St Julia Parish** *(due at Rehearsal)*
*Note: There are no charges for meetings with the priest/deacon during marriage preparation.*

# Photographs

You are welcome to have photographs taken during the ceremony. The photographer/videographer must be as subtle and unobtrusive as possible. If they have not worked at St. Julia Parish before, they should consult with the officiating clergyman before the wedding begins. You are welcome to make use of the Grotto, (which is behind St. Julia church), for your wedding photographs.

# Restrictions

There can be NO rose petals, confetti, rice, bubbles, etc., used inside the church or on the church grounds. In accordance to airport regulations, NO balloons may be released into the air.

# Wedding Texts

The wedding couple has the option of choosing specific reading selections used in the ceremony. These are only in accord with "The Rite of Marriage".

The priest or deacon can assist in the selection if needed.

At the bottom of this instruction there is a web link that will guide you to a page where the Readings and examples of Prayers of the Faithful (General Intersessions) are listed from which you can make your selections.

From the selection we ask you to choose: one reading from the Old Testament; one from the New Testament and a Gospel. We've also provided examples for your consideration in the preparation of the Prayers of the Faithful. This is your opportunity to personalize your wishes by selecting/developing not more than 6 prayers.

You may need to select up to 3 people to proclaim your readings: One for the Old Testament, one from the New Testament, and one for the Prayers of the Faithful. The Gospel is read by the priest or deacon.

## Our wish and promise to you -

If you have any questions, concerns, and/or requests, please let the coordinator, priest or deacon know.

This is a very happy, exciting, loving and sacred moment in your life. We want to do our best to fulfill the joy this day will bring to you both.