

FEES: There are wedding fees that include the standard parish offering and services provided by the wedding coordinator, organist and cantor. More information will be provided by the wedding coordinator.

BAPTISMAL CERTIFICATES: You will each be requested to provide a NEW raised-sealed copy of your baptismal certificate. Please contact the church where you were baptized to obtain this, **not more than 6 months before your wedding date.** Be sure to confirm where your baptism took place well before the time of needing the certificate.

FLOWERS: We welcome flower arrangements, but they cannot be placed directly on the altar. Positioned elsewhere, you may designate someone to take them with you after your ceremony or leave them with the parish to celebrate your sacrament for days after. We love flowers here at Saint Kateri.

WEDDING LICENSE: Please bring a New York State Wedding License to the rehearsal. Be aware that marriages in New York State may not take place until 24 hours after the time that the license is issued. Licenses are valid for two months.

PHOTOGRAPHY/VIDEOGRAPHY: You will have approximately 20-30 minutes after your wedding for pictures. Please communicate this with your photographer.



Thank you for creating beautiful and faith-filled memories at Saint Kateri Parish.



Four Churches are available for Weddings at Saint Kateri Parish
585-544-8880

Christ the King Church
445 Kings Hwy.S.
Rochester, NY 14617

St. Cecilia Church
2732 Culver Rd
Rochester, NY 14622

St. Margaret Mary Church
401 Rogers Pkwy
Rochester, NY 14617

St. Thomas the Apostle
4536 St. Paul Blvd.
Rochester, NY 14617

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CONGRATULATIONS AND
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IRONDEQUOIT, NY



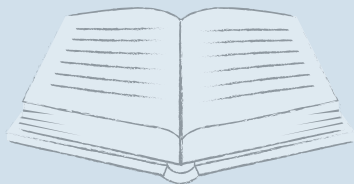
**We the parish family
welcome you
and congratulate you on your
forthcoming wedding.**

It is an honor and pleasure for us to serve you as you prepare for this blessed occasion. Please consider these sacred guidelines as you continue your plans.

In the Roman Catholic tradition, the bride and the groom establish their marriage covenant in the presence of the church and the church ministers.

Couples enter a Catholic Marriage by:

- *Freely entering into a vowed commitment of respect, reverence and love*
- *Making this promise for a lifetime*
- *Promising fidelity forever*
- *Being open to bearing children, providing for their good and bringing them up in the faith*



Preparing for your . . .



1. Initial Contact: A call to our parish office will direct you to our wedding coordinator. You will be assigned a priest or deacon, who will provide you with an overview of the marriage preparation process and confirm a date on the church's calendar. Please call the parish office **at least six months prior** to your anticipated wedding date to arrange your first meeting.

2. "Fully Engaged": This tool will assist you in preparation for marriage in the Catholic Church. The exercise will help you take an objective look at the strengths and weaknesses of your relationship. Afterwards, you will be able to discuss your results with the priest or deacon helping in your preparation.

3. Pre-Cana: Pre-Cana is a prerequisite to marriage. Refer to the diocesan website (www.dor.org) for a list of dates and locations. Pre-Cana sessions are offered at Saint Kateri Parish. Check for dates.

4. Personal Preparation:

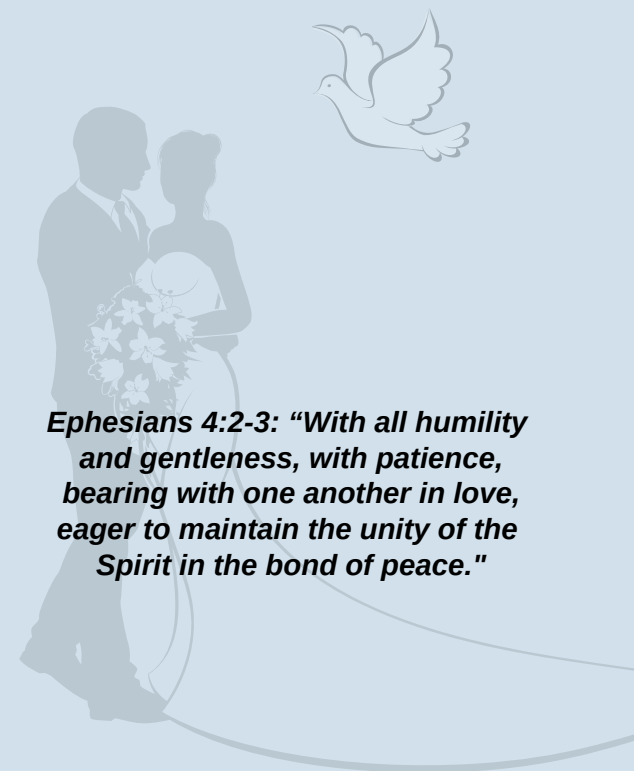
You will meet 2 to 3 more times with the priest or deacon discussing issues focused on your specific relationship and preparation based on your "Fully Engaged" inventory. Time will also be spent discussing your marriage liturgy and filling out necessary forms.

5. Wedding Ceremony Rehearsals: Our wedding coordinator will attend the rehearsal to facilitate a smooth and harmonious ceremony and assist you with the details involving your ceremony.

6. Music: Couples are provided with an outline of the wedding liturgy with music suggestions and options to help you personalize your service. Our parish offers an opportunity to listen to various selections, both instrumental and vocal. Saint Kateri's Director of Music Ministry will guide you in finalizing your decisions.

7. Pray: For a joyful, faith-filled marriage, long beyond a happy wedding day.

The weekend of your special day, your names will be mentioned at all Masses and our parishioners will pray for you.



Ephesians 4:2-3: "With all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace."