



Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul

Eighteenth Street and the Benjamin Franklin Parkway
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

LITURGICAL MUSIC FOR THE ORDER OF CELEBRATING MATRIMONY

All God's blessings as you plan and prepare to celebrate the Sacrament of Marriage!

The Church celebrates the Sacrament of Marriage in the context of the Sacred Liturgy. Thus, when the man and woman come together to exchange their consent, whether this takes place within Mass or outside of Mass, it is an occasion of divine worship. Our Father receives the sacramental offering of the groom and bride as he receives the offering of his Son that they manifest in their marriage. All present for the wedding participate in this act of worship, and especially so if the marriage occurs within Mass, and are led more profoundly into this worship with the aid of the appropriate liturgical music. The liturgical music chosen for a wedding is directed toward God and gives expression to the Sacrament of Marriage. Favorite cultural and/or popular music has a place at your wedding more so at the reception than during the celebration of the Sacred Liturgy.

After the engaged couple meets with the priest to set the date for the wedding and begin preparation for the Sacrament of Marriage, they contact Ms. Charlene Angelini, the Director of Liturgical Music for the Cathedral Parish, at cangelini@archphila.org. The Director of Liturgical Music will arrange for a meeting to review the liturgical music plan for Marriage within Mass and outside of Mass and to offer an opportunity to review appropriate liturgical music for a wedding. Only sacred music is permitted during the celebration of Sacred Liturgy.

One of the Cathedral Staff Organists will accompany the wedding. The fee for the organist is \$350. A Cathedral Staff Cantor will assist with leading the liturgical assembly in singing the Sacred Liturgy, The fee for the cantor is \$250. A non-Staff singer may at times sing an appropriate solo during a wedding. In this case, the person should be trained in liturgical music and voice, and must have the approval of the Director of Liturgical Music to carry out this role. The groom and bride may express their preference for a male or female Cantor.

In addition, the Cathedral Choir, including a quartet or octet from the Choir, is available to sing weddings. The Director of Liturgical Music will review the fees for these services, if desired. Professional Staff Instrumentalists are also available, for example, the Cathedral Brass Quintet with a fee of \$1,250, a Flute, an Oboe, a Trumpet and a Violin each with a fee of \$250, and a Harp with a fee of \$350.

All liturgical music fees are to be mailed to Ms. Charlene Angelini, Cathedral Parish Director of Liturgical Music, Office for Divine Worship, 222 North 17th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103.

If a booklet is to be prepared for the wedding, it is to be reviewed by the Priest Celebrant and the Director of Liturgical Music prior to printing. The Cathedral Parish provides a booklet preparation service, if desired.

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