



St. Martin of Tours Church  
37 Union Ave.  
Amityville, NY 11701

# MARRIAGE

## Preparation

### Planning your Wedding at St. Martin of Tours

1. Catholics must supply a copy of their Baptismal Certificate *dated within 6 months* of the proposed wedding. Call or write your Church of Baptism asking them to mail the required certificate to you.
  2. Baptized Christians of other denominations need to supply the date and time of their Baptism by certificate.
  3. Both bride and groom must submit a signed letter provided by the parish regarding "Freedom to Marry." This document is signed by a parent, relative or friend who has known the bride or groom for many years and testifies that the bride or groom has never been married before and is free to marry the intended spouse.
  4. When bride or groom is not a member of Saint Martin of Tours parish, either one must supply a letter from his/her pastor granting permission for the wedding to take place at Saint Martin's.
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5. Banns of Marriage are published by the parish of those who are Catholic.
  6. A Marriage License must be obtained from any town Hall in New York State. The license must be issued at least 24 hours before the time of the wedding. The license is valid for 60 days.
  7. All documents left at rectory must be in a closed envelope, including your name and the date and time of your wedding

### Decorations

1. Floral arrangements should be made directly with the florist, who will deliver the flowers to the church on the wedding day. Please do not tape anything to pews.

### Photography

1. Photographers and videographers are welcome to record the ceremony. Both must speak to the celebrant before the ceremony begins.
2. Equipment must not obscure the view of the congregation or disrupt the ceremony in any way.
3. Photographers and videographers may not enter the sanctuary or block center aisle.
4. Seated in the sanctuary with bride and groom is one maid of honor and one best man.

## Wedding Times

Your arrival and departure is important. Please make every effort that the ceremony is ready to begin at the scheduled time. There may be other weddings and scheduled parish services.

## Preparations

1. **Visiting Clergy** - If you know a priest or deacon who would like to perform your ceremony, he is most welcome. Please remind him to write for a formal delegation to do the wedding.
2. **Rehearsal** - Deacon Richard Ferri will call you to make arrangements for your rehearsal.
3. **Music** - Please review the music selections listed and send the form back to the Rectory at least one month prior to your wedding. This will entail that the organist and/or singer are prepared for your big day.
4. **Liturgical Planning** - You may use the provided booklet "*Together for Life*" or "*A Marriage in the Lord*" to plan the readings and prayers for your ceremony. \*You may also see our website for selected readings.
5. **Offerings** - Offerings are to be made at the Rehearsal in cash. The Church Offering is \$500. The Music Offering is \$175 for the organist and \$125 for the singer.

## Pre Cana

The most important investment you will make in your entire life is the person whom you will marry. Your entire future is bound up in this union. You are the future of the Church, and so the Church wants your marriage to be a great success. Everyone is depending upon this. Pre Cana is *required* in the Church to insure that the two of you are as best prepared as you can possibly be.

1. St. Martin's Pre Cana is hosted by our Deacon Richard Ferri and his wife Mary Ann from the parish. Please fill out the Pre Cana form at the rectory office when you set your wedding date. \*You may also fill out the form online located on our website.
2. The offering is \$65, payable to "St. Martin of Tours."



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