

St. Peter's Episcopal Church

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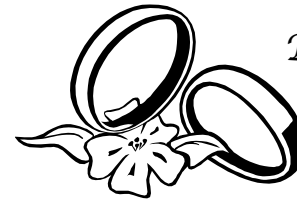
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Directions:

From the NJ Turnpike take exit 9, follow signs to Rt. 18 South to "Spotswood" exit, make a left onto Summerhill Road. At the end of Summerhill Rd. turn right onto Main St. St. Peter's is just before the next light on the left side immediately after the fire house.

From the South: Garden State Parkway to exit 105 to Route 18 north. Exit at "Spotswood" exit. At bottom of ramp, turn right. At light, turn right on to Main St. Go past 2 more lights, St. Peter's is just before the next light on the left side immediately after the fire house.

Directions are also located on our website.



*Preparing for Your Marriage
to begin*

at

***St. Peter's Episcopal
Church***

Spotswood, New Jersey

- Q. What is Holy Matrimony?
- A. Holy Matrimony is Christian marriage, in which the woman and man enter into a life-long union, make their vows before God and the Church, and receive the grace and blessing of God to help them fulfill their vows.

*- Catechism
Book of Common Prayer*

Marriage as a sacrament of the Church is taken seriously at St. Peter's Episcopal Church. At the same time it is undertaken with a sense of joy and anticipation. In order to be helpful to couples considering St. Peter's Church as a place to begin their married life together, the following information is provided.

Pre-marital Counseling is required by the Canons of the Episcopal Church and this parish. The parish clergy will provide time for counseling (normally, three sessions are planned) or will accept evidence of competent counseling provided elsewhere.

Scheduling a Wedding - The Church Canons now require a minimum of 30 days notice in order to officiate at “A Celebration and Blessing of a Marriage”, except for an especially weighty cause. Please be certain to allow ample time to clear the dates for rehearsal and ceremony with the rector and church office before finalizing your reception plans. More than one wedding can be scheduled on the same day, but adequate time must be allowed between services.

Generally the rehearsal will be scheduled the evening before the ceremony. Please plan on one hour for the rehearsal.

Music for the ceremony is under the direction of the Organist and Choir Director who generally serves at all weddings. Exceptions to this norm must be cleared with the rector and the organist and a bench fee of \$200.00 is required if using other musicians.

It is entirely appropriate for wedding parties to leave the selections of music to the discretion of the organist, who has an intimate knowledge of the capabilities and limitations of the organ at St. Peter’s Church and can best plan music which will effectively enhance the service. If members of the wedding party know the literature of music for the organ and would enjoy specific selections, the organist will seek to accommodate those requests.

The church will notify the organist of the date for the ceremony. The bride and groom are encouraged to contact the organist to arrange to preview the music mutually selected for the ceremony. Arrangements for a vocalist, if desired, are also to be made in consultation with the organist.

Pictures - May be taken before, as the wedding party enters and as they leave, as well as after the ceremony. Pictures during the ceremony should be taken discreetly and as unobtrusively as possible. If the bride or groom prefer not to have pictures taken during the ceremony, it should be made known prior to the beginning of the service.

Marriage License - Your marriage license must be obtained from the **town of your residence**. You may apply for it at the Office of the Town Clerk. By phoning or visiting the Town Clerk before you apply you may find out about blood tests, time schedules and other legal requirements for the granting of a marriage license. **Your wedding cannot be legally performed without it!**

Fees - The church is available at no cost to all pledging families of record at St. Peter’s Episcopal Church although a donation of a non-specified amount is suggested. For other persons choosing to be married here, the fee for the use of the church is \$500.00.

It is appropriate to offer an honorarium to officiating clergy. The honorarium for persons who are not pledging families of record is \$200.00 which includes counseling, service planning, rehearsal and the service itself.

There are fixed fees for either pledging or non-pledging families of \$50.00 for the Altar Guild, \$50.00 for the services of the sexton and \$200.00 for the organist whether or not her services are required. Checks should be made out to the sexton and the organist in their names. The payment of fees should be handled at the time of the wedding rehearsal.

Parking - There is a paved parking lot off of Main St. and an unpaved parking lot off of DeVoe Ave. Do not park in the driveway area. If a limousine is to be used, use the Main St. entrance as the entrance from DeVoe Ave. is not wide enough.

Name and Address of Witnesses:

1. _____

2. _____

Information for Ceremony

Officiate: _____

Rings Communion Homily

Number of Attendants: _____ Wedding Program printed by church? Yes No

Number of Guests Expected _____

Organist _____

Soloist(s): _____

Other music (type of instrument): _____

Still Photographer: _____ Video Photographer: _____

Readers: _____

Scripture Selections (circle choices)

One or more may be selected from the following

Genesis 1:26-28

Genesis 2:4-9, 15-24

Song of Solomon 2:10-13, 8:6-7

Tobit 8:5b-8

I Corinthians 13:1-13

Ephesians 3:14-19

Ephesians 5:1-2, 21-33

Colossians 3:12-17

I John 4:7-16

Choose one **Gospel** reading to from the following be read by the **priest**:

Matthew 5:1-10

Matthew 5:13-16

Matthew 7:21, 24-29

Mark 10:6-9, 13-16

John 15:9-12

A Psalm may be read between readings: Psalm 67, 127 or 128 are appropriate.

Legal Information

Bishop's Letter

License

Church Register

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Church Decorations and Flowers

Arrangements for floral decorations for the church shall be made by contacting the Altar Guild. The local florist who serves the needs of the church on a regular basis is Roots of Love, 124 Main St., Spotswood, 732-251-7730. Other florists may certainly be used, but if they are planning to prepare flowers for the Altar, you will need to arrange with the Altar Guild and the parish office for reasonable times for pick-up of the Altar vase liners and delivery of flowers to the church. The inserts may be picked up one week before the wedding. The Altar Guild recommends 2 small arrangements for the altar. The flowers must not be taller than the cross. The vase including the flowers should not be over 24" tall. Additional flower sprays may be placed on the steps. Use the diagram to indicate where you would like the flowers placed, make a copy for your florist and return the original to the church.

Flowers placed on the Altar may be taken by the wedding party after the service. If they remain at the church, they will be delivered to shut-ins by parish visitors. Please note your choice on the flower form.

St. Peter's Church does not own an aisle runner. If you wish to rent a white aisle runner, the church aisle is 52 feet long. The church seats 150 people.

Please use birdseed, no rice or confetti (will stain dresses). Pew bows may be placed on the pews the day of the wedding.

Questions about flowers or decorations, contact Barbara Tonkin, 732-251-1094.

Flower/Decorations Form

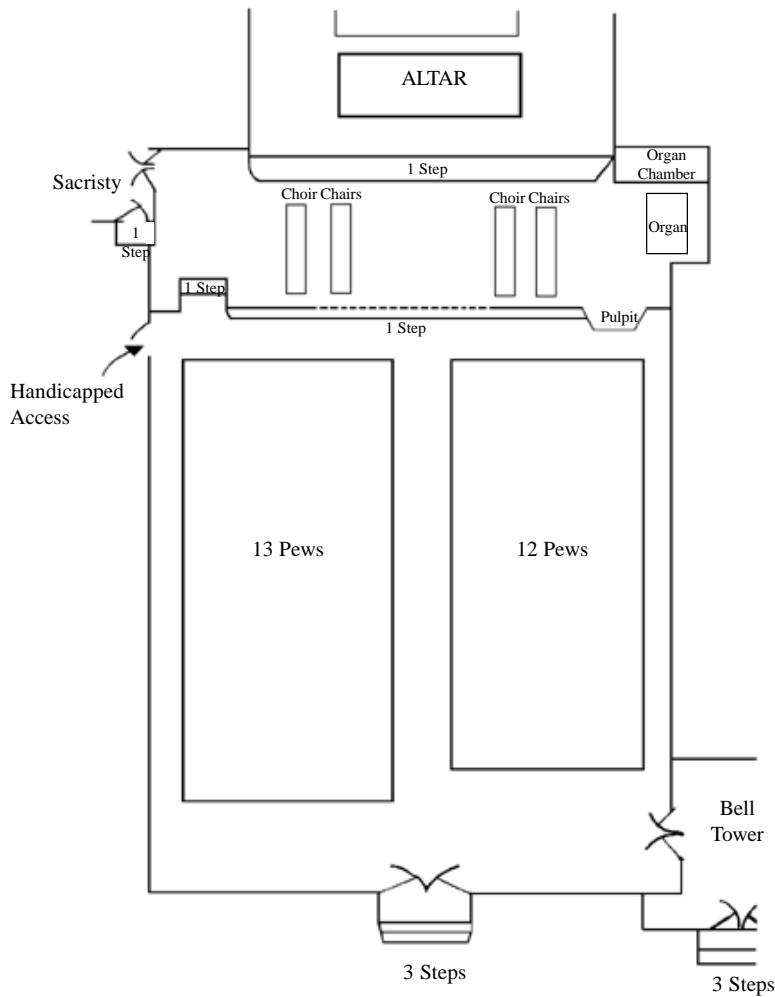
Bride/Groom: _____

Wedding Date & Time: _____

Florist's Name: _____

Florist's Phone: _____ Contact Person: _____

Flowers to be: left on the altar taken after ceremony



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Wedding Information Form

(Please print all information)

Date of Application _____

Date of Ceremony: _____ Time: _____

Date of Rehearsal: _____ Time: _____

Place of Ceremony: _____

Groom's Full Name: _____

Home Address: _____

Daytime Phone: _____ Home Phone: _____

Age: _____ Date of Birth: _____ Baptized Confirmed Communicant

Previous Marriage Date, if any: _____

Father's Name: _____

Mother's Maiden Name: _____

Bride's Full Name: _____

Home Address: _____

Daytime Phone: _____ Home Phone: _____

Age: _____ Date of Birth: _____ Baptized Confirmed Communicant

Previous Marriage Date, if any: _____

Father's Name: _____

Mother's Maiden Name: _____

Permanent Address after Marriage: _____
