

Our Lady of Assumption Church

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RULES FOR WEDDING CEREMONIES

1. It is important to meet with one of the priests **before** making any civil or church arrangements. Both of you should meet with the priest.
2. A preparation will be given for the sacrament of marriage at least 6 months before the wedding date. This requirement will assist the couple in understanding the beauty and commitment of the sacrament. The Baptism Certificates must be recent copies prepared within the last six months.
3. The sacrament can be celebrated if at least one has been baptized in the Catholic Church.
4. The couple **must** attend a wedding retreat before the ceremony.
5. The godparents (witness) **must** be married by the Roman Catholic Church.
6. Please do not forget that at least **one month before** the celebration; the couple must make an appointment with a priest for the Pre-Nuptial Investigation.
7. The Civil Marriage will take place at the same time as the Church Wedding. It is the responsibility of the couple to solicit and bring the License from the County or Court to the Parish Office. If the couple is already married civilly, they must present a copy of the Marriage License.
8. Please complete the payment of the church stipend at **least one month prior** to the wedding. The stipend of \$600.00, which covers the ceremony. Please ask for receipts after making payments.
9. Because of the sacredness of the sacrament of marriage, please dress appropriately. Chewing gum, talking over the phone, or eating inside the Church is not allowed. For safety reasons, it is not permitted to throw rice or flower petals in the interior or exterior of the Church. The ceremony will commence with or without the couple.
10. **It is the responsibility of the couple to respect the rules of the parish.** Any violation of any rule might result in the cancellation of the celebration. In the event of cancellation, one must not blame the Priest or parish employees.
11. There is a \$150 deposit to save your date, if you decide to later cancel; this deposit will not be returned.