

Divine Mercy Parish
12 Church Street
Peterborough, NH 03458
(603) 924-7647
As of February 2018
(GPS – Use 161 Wilton Road)



WEDDING POLICIES AND CONSIDERATIONS

The couple **MUST** meet with Father Mike 6 months prior to booking the wedding.

HAVE YOU EVER BEEN MARRIED BEFORE? EITHER IN A CHURCH WEDDING OR EVEN A CIVIL CEREMONY? If so, you must discuss your situation with Fr. Mike before making any concrete plans for a wedding. This applies to non-Catholics as well as Catholics.

WHAT CHURCH RECORDS ARE NEEDED?

- A Catholic must have a **recently issued** copy of his/her Baptism certificate. Sorry, but the Baptism certificate issued at the time of Baptism is not adequate. If you have been confirmed, please get verification of this fact from the appropriate Catholic Church.

- A non-Catholic is asked to obtain some verification of her/his Baptism, if this is at all possible.
- It is possible for a non-baptized person to be married in the Catholic Church, assuming that the fiancé(e) is a baptized Catholic, and both persons are free to marry according to Church law.
- If either party is widowed, the death certificate of the deceased spouse must be presented.
- If neither party lives within the boundaries of Divine Mercy parish, a **letter of permission** to perform the marriage from the pastor of the church you currently attend, must be obtained.
- If you were baptized while your parents were in the Military Service, there is one source for obtaining your Baptismal certificate, regardless of which branch of service or where in the world you were baptized! Here is the address:

Archdiocese for the Military Service
PO Box 4469
Washington, DC 20017
(301) 853-0400

YOU ALSO MUST HAVE A NH MARRIAGE LICENSE TO BE MARRIED. The license is obtained from the Town Hall. If you are residents of New Hampshire, you may obtain the license from the town in which you live. Non-residents must obtain the license from the town in which the ceremony will take place. The phone number for the Town of Peterborough is (603) 924-8000.

MUSIC

BECAUSE THE WEDDING CEREMONY IS A SACRED EVENT HELD IN A SACRED PLACE, ALL MUSIC MUST BE RELIGIOUS AND DIGNIFIED. A wide selection of music, either in traditional or contemporary style is available. Popular and non-religious music is generally considered inappropriate for the service and should be reserved for the reception. When musicians from outside the parish are employed, keep in mind that they must have a good repertoire of religious music to play prior to and during the ceremony.



PHOTOGRAPHERS / VIDEOGRAPHERS

Professional photographers/videographers are always welcome. Picture taking and video recording during the ceremony is fine. However, photographers/videographers are **not allowed in the sanctuary area during the course of the ceremony.** **Video cameras on a tripod are not allowed in the sanctuary,** but may be set-up elsewhere in the Church.

IF PROFESSIONALS ARE NOT USED, BE SURE TO DISCUSS THIS WITH FR. MIKE.

FLOWERS

Flower arrangements should be planned in such a way as not to hinder movement around the altar and in front of it (where you will stand to exchange your vows).

ENGAGED COUPLES SEMINAR

Engaged couples must participate in either an Engaged Couples Seminar, Engaged Encounter, Pre-Cana, or the like. These will be explained to you at your first meeting with the priest preparing you for the Sacrament.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Catholics preparing to enter into the Sacrament of Marriage ought to plan on celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation (confession) shortly before the wedding day. You may contact any priest about this. If you would like to incorporate this into the rehearsal time, please discuss this with Fr. Mike so that he will be prepared to accommodate you.

