

**ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
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**WEDDINGS AT ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH**

We are delighted that you are considering St. Andrew's for your wedding. To have a Christian marriage begins with making your vows before God and the Church, and receiving God's grace and blessing to help you fulfill those vows. Your wedding service will establish a strong foundation for your life together.

Attached is the "Wedding Information Form." Please fill it out completely and return it to St. Andrew's office.

Once the form is received, the wedding date will be put on our calendar to hold, tentatively, the time for you. The final decision to confirm your wedding plans and date at St. Andrew's will be made when you meet with the Rector.

**INITIAL INTERVIEW:**

The Rector will meet with both the bride and groom-to-be to discuss their desire to marry. It will usually be necessary to meet with the Rector several times before the wedding.

The 1st meeting is so that the Rector may become acquainted with the couple. The subsequent meetings are to discuss Christian marriage and plan the wedding service.

**THE LICENSE:**

You must turn over your Massachusetts-issued Wedding License to the Rector at the time of the rehearsal.

The Rector cannot perform the ceremony without the license in his/her possession. The Rector will sign the license after the ceremony and mail it to the Town (City) Hall where it was issued. Within about ten days, the newly-married couple should make sure to purchase a few copies of that license from the Town(City) Hall for their own permanent records.

**MUSIC:**

The Music Director, Sean Glennon, is quite happy to go over his wedding repertoire any Sunday morning following the 10 o'clock service. You should arrange a time to meet with him (617) 679-4469.

The organist and the Rector reserve final judgment on the appropriateness of music selected. They are willing to permit and perform certain "popular" music. However, there are necessary limits. These will be discussed when the couple meets with the organist to audition possible selections.

If you wish to have a friend play an instrument (for example, a guitar or flute) before or during the service, that decision must be made with the Rector and organist. Usually, requests that a friend perform as organist for the wedding are refused, unless that person is a qualified organist. Such requests should

be taken up with the Rector and parish organist well in advance of the rehearsal.

**TYPE OF SERVICE:**

Normally, the order used for weddings at St. Andrew's is that one found on pages 422-431 of The Book of Common Prayer. The Holy Eucharist, as part of the ceremony, is customary and preferred at St. Andrew's. However, it is not required. Couples are urged to give this matter their serious consideration.

If a couple wishes to write their own service, this request should be stated and discussed when they first meet with the Rector. Any changes in the regular Prayer Book service are subject to the Rector's consent.

**FLOWERS:** St. Andrew's does not require that there be flowers in the church building for weddings, but they add greatly to the beauty of the service. If you wish to place them in the church for your wedding, your florist should deliver them at least one hour before the wedding, so that the Altar Guild can assist in arranging or placing them. Your florist is welcome to look at the church in advance of the wedding to get ideas about appropriate size and shape of the floral arrangements.

If you want to have ribbons or floral decorations placed on the ends of the pews they **MUST** be affixed with plastic attachments or tape that will not scratch the pews. No tacks or wires may be used.

The center aisle of the church is 30 feet long and the seating capacity, including the balcony, is 350.

**PHOTOGRAPHS, PHOTOGRAPHERS & VIDEOTAPING:**

- Flash photographs are permitted through the time of the processional up until the processional music stops and the spoken part of the service begins. Until the recessional (when the couple walks down the aisle) **NO** flash pictures are permitted--by anyone.
- Photographers may take non-flash pictures from the gallery or the back of the church. Following the service, the wedding party can come back inside for the photographer (or anyone else) to take pictures from wherever they want, and with flash, if desired.
- The wedding service may be videotaped. It is strongly suggested that the person taping attend the rehearsal in order to set up shots and learn his/her way around the church. The same restrictions apply to the video-tapers as photographers.

**CONCLUSION:**

Once you have stated your desire to be married at St. Andrew's, we hope you will attend worship here. We encourage couples to come to church together before the wedding and during their life together as a married couple. Notice that you are not required to attend, but having sought the blessings of the Church in this place, you are also affirming your commitment as Christians.

**THE REHEARSAL:**

Generally, rehearsals are held the evening before the wedding day.

All participants in the wedding--bride, groom, best-man, maid/matron-of-honor, ushers, bridesmaids,

parents of the couple, flower girls, ring bearers, soloists or instrumentalists--must be present, except for unusual circumstances. Anyone else who would like to attend is cordially welcomed as well.

It is very important to be on time for both the rehearsal and the wedding as so many different people have made the commitment to those times.

**DIRECTIONS TO ST. ANDREW'S:**

Coming South:

Take Route 3 South to Exit 13. At end of exit turn right onto Route 53. Continue South on Route 53 for 2.8 miles to fifth set of stoplights. At fifth stoplight turn left onto Rockland Street--Intersection of Route 53 with Route 139--Parking for Church is adjacent to shopping plaza. Upon parking look for sign indicating stairway to the Church entrance.

Coming North:

Take Route 3 North to Exit 13. At end of exit turn left onto Route 53. Continue South on Route 53 for 2.8 miles to fifth set of stoplights. At fifth stoplight turn left onto Rockland Street--Intersection of Route 53 with Route 139--Parking for Church is adjacent to shopping plaza. Upon parking look for sign indicating stairway to the Church entrance.

**PROPOSED FEES--**

**FEES FOR WEDDINGS:** (\$200 non-refundable deposit - \$800 due two weeks before rehearsal)

You may pay cash, or write one check for the total amount due. If you write a check, please make it out to St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, designated "For Wedding" on such-and-such a date. If you want to give an extra amount to any individual involved with the wedding, please write a separate check payable to that person or designated as you choose.

**BASIC FEES:**

**CHURCH**

- 1. Active, contributing parish members \$ 100.00
- 2. Inactive members or unaffiliated \$ 1,000.00

**ORGANIST** for wedding service: \$ 250.00  
(includes consult, wedding rehearsal, and wedding)

**SEXTON** \$ 75.00

- 1. For day of wedding; opening and closing church, reasonable cleaning
- 2. Rehearsal may be extra \$25 to sexton or Altar Guild

**ALTAR GUILD** \$ 100.00

- 1. Arrive an hour before service, stay to an hour afterward
- 2. Tend altar for setup of candles, communion, sanctuary vestments.

**CLERGY HONORARIUM** \$ 400.00

**TOTAL:**

- 1. Active, contributing parish members \$ 925.00

2. Inactive members or unaffiliated

\$ 1,825.00

**OPTIONAL FEES:**

**AISLE RUNNER:** Cleaning fee

\$ 75.00

**PARISH HALL or LAWN:**

\$ 350.00

(Some couples may be interested in holding their rehearsal dinner and/or reception here. Also, if using the Lawn, arrangements should be made to have the lawn picked up thoroughly afterwards. Tables and chairs from the hall may be used and returned after.)

**SEXTON:** (If using parish hall)

\$ 75.00

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Signature

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Date

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Signature

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Date

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Rector

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Date

If you will be choosing readings other than those suggested by the rector, please provide us with a copy of them. If you wish to have specific music listed, please provide us with the titles, composers, and when during the service the selection will be played or sung.