

Mary, Queen of Peace Parish

St. Joseph Church - 118 High Street, Medford
St. Francis of Assisi Church - 441 Fellsway West, Medford

Parish Office & Mailing Address

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Music Director

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Wedding Coordinators

(Rehearsal, Coordination at Ceremony, etc.)

St. Joseph - Mrs. Eileen Brookhouser

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Marriage Preparation Programs (“Pre-Cana”)

Online Directory of Marriage Prep programs:

www.bostoncatholic.org/familylife/transformedinlove

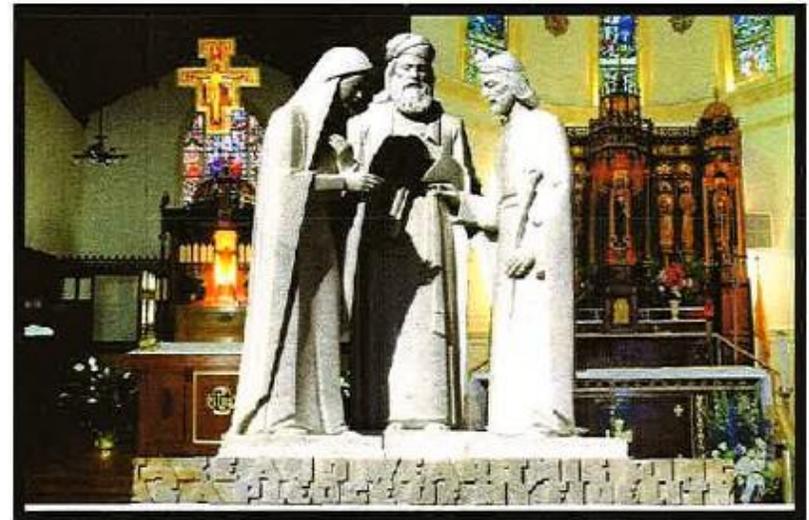
Wedding Fees

Donation to Church - \$450.00

Music - \$550.00 (Music Director \$300.00 & Cantor/Soloist \$250.00)

Wedding Coordinator - \$100.00

Getting Married at Mary, Queen of Peace Parish



St. Joseph Church
&
St. Francis of Assisi Church

Congratulations!

We share the joy of your engagement and look forward to celebrating your wedding with you and asking God's blessing upon your married life. We hope that working with the parish and its personnel will be the easiest and happiest part of your wedding planning.

In the Catholic Church, marriage between two baptized persons is a Sacrament – a sign of God's loving presence. Asking to be married in the Church is to signify your desire to make God a part of your marriage, family life and home. It assumes that at least one party of the marriage is a practicing Catholic and a registered, participating member of our parish. Though to have received the Sacrament of Confirmation is **not** required to be married in the Catholic Church, it is strongly encouraged. If a Catholic partner has not been Confirmed, this might be done before or after the wedding.

The Archdiocese of Boston, like every Catholic diocese in the United States, requires that couples participate in a **Marriage Preparation program** ("Pre-Cana") before marriage. Please register for a Marriage Preparation program as soon as possible. After your participation you will be given a Certificate of Completion which you may bring to the parish. A directory of programs available in our Archdiocese can be found on their website: www.bostoncatholic.org/familylife/transformedinlove

Your wedding date and time can be confirmed **only** after meeting with the priest or deacon who will witness your vows. You should make an appointment to meet with the parish priest or deacon as soon as possible. Before the first meeting with the priest or deacon, baptized Catholics and all baptized Christians should have a recent copy (dated within six months) of your **Baptism Certificate** mailed to the rectory. Please phone or write the church where you were baptized and ask them to do this for you.

At your first meeting with the priest or deacon you will complete some preliminary paperwork and the various options available for your wedding will be explained. You are welcome to invite relatives or friends to do the Scripture readings, various prayers, etc. The priest or deacon will be happy to answer any questions and help in any way.

Outside priests and non-Catholic clergy are welcome to participate in your wedding ceremony. Out of state clergy must request prior authorization from the Secretary of State of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to perform a wedding in Massachusetts. If you would like to invite an outside priest or minister, please mention this to the priest or deacon at your first meeting.

Making an offering to the Church has become extremely important in these days of rising costs of maintaining the church. The customary offering for the support of the church where your wedding will take place is **\$450.00**. **A deposit of \$225.00** (made payable to Mary, Queen of Peace Parish) is due at your first meeting with the priest or deacon. The balance of \$225.00 is due the day of your wedding rehearsal.

Music is an important part of the wedding ceremony. Our music director will help you select music that is both beautiful and appropriate for use in church. **Additional musicians** are also available for an additional fee per musician. Contact information for our music director is available on the back of this leaflet. Music fees must be paid at the time of the rehearsal.

Rehearsals are scheduled subject to the availability of the church because of liturgies or other events. You should schedule your rehearsal as soon as possible by phoning the Parish Office (see back page for contact information). A rehearsal need not last longer than 30-45 minutes. **Please bring to the rehearsal: your marriage license and the balance of your church offering (\$225.00), the Wedding Coordinator's fee (\$100.00) and the Musicians' fees (\$550.00 plus any fees for additional musicians) made payable to Mary, Queen of Peace Parish.**

Photographers and videographers are welcome and are asked to consult with the priest or deacon before the ceremony. Photographers and videographers must remain outside the sanctuary area but if it is necessary for them to move about, they should do so very discreetly and not draw attention away from the bride and groom. They should also remember they are attending a worship service.

Flower petals, confetti or rice may not be used inside the church nor on the church steps, and for safety reasons, runners are not permitted. We also ask that the environment prepared by church personnel please not be disturbed.

***May God Bless you during your exciting days of planning and preparing.
May your love and joy continue to grow deeper and stronger as the years go by.
And know that you will always be welcomed at Mary, Queen of Peace Parish.***