

CHURCH OF ST. PATRICK

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TO: Couples planning to be married in St. Patrick's Church

FROM: Glenn Kaiser, Director of Music

SUBJECT: **Wedding Music Selection (call three (3) months in advance)**

As indicated in *Music in Catholic Worship* (1983), published by the Bishops' Committee on the Liturgy, and *Sing to the Lord* (2007) by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, the music used in liturgical worship must be chosen according to certain principles - it should be technically, aesthetically, and expressively good. In addition, music in worship should also be liturgically and pastorally appropriate. Here at the St. Patrick's Church we make a great effort to suit the music to the particular liturgical celebration -in this case marriage.

WHAT IS APPROPRIATE?

Our Church hymnal contains over 400 selections, all of which were chosen for their appropriateness in liturgical celebrations. There are many other selection not found in the hymnal which are also suitable for the celebration of marriage. Any song or hymn which fulfills the guidelines set forth by the Bishop's Committee may be used at St. Patrick's Church. Your wedding music is an expression of your faith. It should reflect the gratitude and joy that you feel toward God for all the love showered on your life, especially on your wedding day. Pop songs and songs of a more personal nature are better left to the reception. Please do not ask that these types of songs be sung during the wedding.

WHAT ABOUT THE AVE MARIA?

The Ave Maria is traditionally sung as the bridal couple places a small bouquet of flowers at the statue of the Blessed Mother. Please be sure to tell me if you would like to include this in your wedding.

MY BEST FRIEND WOULD LIKE TO SING!

St. Patrick's Church has an agreement with several singers who lead the congregation in song every week. If you have a preference for one of these singers, please let me know. However, St. Patrick's only utilizes those singers, organists, instrumentalists, employed by the church. Please do not ask your friend/relative to sing or play at the wedding ceremony. Encourage them to prepare an appropriate song for your reception.

If you have made arrangements for costumed trumpeters to play on the plaza before or after the wedding please let me know. Inform them that they will be playing outside on the plaza and NOT inside in the church.

WHAT CAN WE SELECT?

On the following page is a partial list of music which has traditionally been used at St. Patrick's Church and should be familiar to most of our parishioners. All the music can be found on the parish website (stpatrickssi.org) under "Sacraments/Weddings". The music is divided into categories for liturgical use although many hymns and songs can serve more than one function. Remember, these are suggestions; other approved hymns and songs may be appropriate.

WHO DO WE CONTACT?

Couples wishing to be married at St. Patrick's Church should contact me at (347) 286-4076.

AT LEAST THREE (3) MONTHS IN ADVANCE. This assures ample time to finalize the music.

Please listen to the music on the website before calling me and I will be happy to answer any questions you may have regarding the music.

Best wishes,

Glenn Kaiser

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Church of St. Patrick

LITURGICAL MUSIC FOR WEDDINGS

Couple Name _____

Processionals and Recessionals (Choose 2)

1. Trumpet Voluntary (Prince of Denmark) J. Clarke
2. Trumpet Tune in D Major H. Purcell
3. Priest's March - Felix Mendelssohn
4. Canon by Pachelbel
5. Joyful, Joyful (Ode to Joy) Beethoven
6. Jesu, joy of man's desiring J.S. Bach
7. Allegro Maestoso from Handel's "Water Music"
8. Rondeau by Mouret (Masterpiece Theater)
9. Bridal Chorus, (Here comes the bride)
10. Wedding march (exit)

Several pieces sound very good with trumpet, flute, or violin. See me if interested.

Solo-Presentation of the Gifts-Mass or after the vows in Ceremony (Choose 1)

11. Wedding Song (There is love) P. Stookey
12. I have loved you – M. Joncas
13. This Day God gives me (also good for communion) / Morning has Broken
14. Be Not Afraid – Bob Dufford
15. Christ be our Light
16. Prayer of St. Francis/Make me a channel of your peace – S. Temple
17. Wherever you go I shall go – G. Norbet
18. Wherever you go I'll be there – D. Haas
19. Here I am Lord – D. Schutte
20. You are mine – D. Haas
21. Bridal Prayer – R. Copeland
22. Ave Maria - during visit to Blessed Mother - Can be used for Masses or Ceremonies

Communion Congregational Hymns-Mass only (Choose 1)

23. Amazing grace 680
24. Joyful, Joyful 575
- xx This day God gives me 673 (same tune as Morning has broken) see # 13 above
25. One Bread, One Body 793
26. I received the living God 786
27. Companions on the Journey 835
28. The Supper of the Lord 774
29. I Heard the voice of Jesus say 692
30. On Eagle's Wings 671
31. Here I am Lord 818
32. Let there be peace on Earth 703