WEDDING AGREEMENT

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH OF SAINT JOSEPH - SAINT PETER

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Wedding Date: _____ Time: _____ Rehearsal Date: _____ Time: _____

Location: St. Joseph's _____ St. Peter's _____ Nuptial Mass_____ Ceremony_____

Celebrant: _____
Name Parish

_____
City/State Phone Email (req.)

Confirmed Preparation Priest:
(If a priest other than the celebrant is preparing you, please complete)

_____
Name Parish

_____
City/State Phone Email

GROOM	BRIDE
Name:	Name:
Address:	Address:
City/St/Zip:	City/St/Zip:
Phone:	Phone:
Cell Phone:	Cell Phone:
E-mail Address:	E-mail Address:
Religion:	Religion:
Current Parish:	Current Parish:

Only the bride and/or the groom may schedule and plan their wedding with The Roman Catholic Church of Saint Joseph - Saint Peter.

Congratulations on your upcoming marriage. We are pleased to assist you in preparing for this important occasion.

This form is designed to assist you as you begin preparations for your wedding.

- The Church will be made available one hour prior to the start of the wedding and one hour after the completion of the ceremony. Please observe these times and note that any preparation, greeting, or photography planned must fall within these time limits.
- Care should be taken to assure that those involved arrive on time both for the wedding and for the rehearsal.
- The Church reserves the right to cancel the wedding in the event of riot, epidemics, acts of God, or other legitimate conditions beyond the Church's control.
- In the event that weddings or rehearsals do not begin on time, the celebrant reserves the right to alter and/or cancel the wedding program.
- **Submission of this form <u>does not guarantee</u> a time and date unless accompanied by appropriate fee. The wedding fee is refundable up to 6 months prior to your wedding. If you cancel or you are deemed ineligible to be married in SJ/SP church by your preparation priest within 6 months of your wedding, you forfeit your deposit.**

Selection of the Celebrant: The priests of the Roman Catholic Church of Saint Joseph - Saint Peter prepare and officiate weddings of parishioners of Saint Joseph - Saint Peter. All other couples shall secure the services of a priest or deacon and complete the requirements for marriage preparation. If one of the Saint Joseph - Saint Peter priests is requested to officiate, it will be subject to his availability. **Before a wedding can be placed on the calendar of the Roman Catholic Church of Saint Joseph - Saint Peter, the priest(s) or deacon(s) who will officiate the wedding and/or coordinate marriage preparation must send confirmation (fax, letter, or e-mail) that he commits to officiate at the wedding and/or is assuming responsibility for the couple's preparation.**

Music: All music must be sacred and liturgical. To select music for the wedding, please contact Mr. Bob Gaus for Saint Joseph's at: 845.389.1503, music.saintjoseph@gmail.com and Mrs. Faith Kwiecinski for Saint Peter's at: 845.658.3011, davefaith@prodigy.net. They should be contacted as soon as possible after your initial meeting with the priest. The Music Director's fee for a wedding is $300. A cantor is also required for the Mass. Fees for the cantor may vary and are arranged directly through the Music Director. If an outside organist or cantor is requested, this is permissible at the discretion of the Pastor. However, the music must still be approved by the Parish Director of Music.

Donations:

- The customary offering for the Parish for a registered and active parishioner is $300.
- Outside parties who marry at the Roman Catholic Church of Saint Joseph - Saint Peter should make an offering of $1000.
- Checks should be made payable to Roman Catholic Church of Saint Joseph - Saint Peter.

- ❖ It is also customary to make an offering directly to the priest or deacon who is celebrating the wedding. The amount is at the discretion of the couple.
- ❖ Please bring your donations for the celebrant and music ministers to the rehearsal.

Flowers and Decoration:

- ❖ There should not be excessive decorations.
- ❖ Flowers may not be placed directly on the altar.
- ❖ Bows may be attached to the pews/doors using only elastic bands, string or ribbon **(tacks, nails, tape, glue and metal devices are not permitted)**. Please remove all pew markers from the church immediately following the celebration.
- ❖ **We do not allow aisle runners or the throwing of flowers petals, rice, confetti, or bird seed inside or outside the Church.** Many handicapped and elderly persons attend our Church and these can become hazardous to them.

Photography: Pictures and/or video are permitted during the wedding. However, excessive use of flash is discouraged. Please consult the priest about the use of video recording equipment. Your photographer should be respectful of the sacred space in which he/she is working and should consult with the celebrant prior to the ceremony regarding his/her movement in the Church. Photography after the ceremony is permitted provided it stays within allotted times and does not interfere with other weddings and/or confessions.

Unity Candle/Other Additions:

- ❖ The use of the Unity Candle is not permitted because it is not an element of the Catholic Rite of Marriage.
- ❖ If you have a family Unity Candle, please provide for its use during the wedding reception.
- ❖ Ethnic customs and other additions to the wedding ritual may be permitted at the discretion of the celebrant.

Non-Parishioners:

- ❖ Non-registered parishioners may schedule weddings provided they get a letter of permission from their own pastor.
- ❖ They may be asked to bring their own priest or deacon to celebrate the sacrament.
- ❖ Clergy from outside the Archdiocese of New York are most welcome provided they obtain a letter of good standing from their own diocese or religious superior.
- ❖ Please observe the above non-parishioner donations for the use of the Church.

Marriage Preparation: There is an eight-month preparation period in the Archdiocese of New York between the time you set the date with the priest and the wedding itself. During that time, you will be expected to complete a Form of Marriage Preparation. You should speak to the Priest/Deacon directly about that process.

Participants in the Wedding: You are most welcome to ask members of your family or friends to read at the wedding. According to the Archdiocesan Sacramental Norms, they must be fully initiated and active members of the Catholic Church.

We have read all the regulations concerning the celebration of weddings at the Roman Catholic Church of Saint Joseph - Saint Peter. We agree to comply with these and any subsequent additions to the approved policy of the Parish and/or Diocese. We understand and accept the conditions that we and all members of our wedding party, as well as all persons attending our wedding and/or rehearsal must follow regarding personal conduct in the use of the designated parish facilities. Furthermore, we the undersigned shall insure, defend, and hold free and harmless the Archdiocese of New York and the Roman Catholic Church of Saint Joseph - Saint Peter from, and against any and all actions, claims, liabilities, assertions of liabilities, losses, costs, and expenses whatsoever, including but not limited to attorney's fees, which in any manner may arise or be alleged to have arisen or resulted or alleged to have resulted during the preparation and/or participation in the above mentioned wedding, including, without limitation, any claim or claims for bodily injury or death of any person(s) whatsoever and for any loss or damage whatsoever and for any loss of means of support and for any loss or damage whatsoever to property and further including without limitation, any claim or claims arising during the preparation and/or participation in the above mentioned wedding by the undersigned, its agents, servants, employees, guests, and invitees. Additionally, the bride and groom assume full responsibility for any lost, stolen, or damaged person, communal or church properties.

_____	_____
Bride's signature	Date
_____	_____
Groom's signature	Date
_____	_____
St. Joseph - St. Peter Parish Pastor	Date

CHECKLIST FOR YOUR WEDDING

8 Months Prior to Wedding Day

- ❖ Confirmation(s) from the priest(s) or deacon(s) via fax, letter or e-mail that he will officiate [celebrant] at the wedding.
- ❖ The confirmed “Preparation” Priest/Deacon name, phone number and email address.
- ❖ A completed, signed Wedding Agreement from the couple.
- ❖ Payment of the qualifying church fee. (Payable to the Roman Catholic Church of Saint Joseph - Saint Peter)

6 Months Prior to Wedding Day

- ❖ Begin Marriage Preparation with local Priest/Deacon.
- ❖ Marriage Preparation Classes begin (The Archdiocesan Marriage Catechumenate offers a comprehensive program consisting of various components to prepare you for marriage. These include an online relationship inventory, online learning modules, and a Pre-Cana session.)
- ❖ Confirmation of eligibility to be married in the Church and notification which comes from the preparation priest.

4 Months Prior to Wedding Day

- ❖ Baptismal Certificate from the church of Baptism for the Bride and Groom. (if Catholic) **Issued within 6 months** (can be obtained by calling the parish of baptism)

2 Months Prior to Wedding Day

Couples must meet with the Music Director. He/she will orient the couples to the selection of music that is appropriate for Catholic liturgy, and assist in selecting music for their wedding liturgies. Working with the Music Director, couples must have their music selected no later than two months before their wedding date. You can schedule an appointment with, Mr. Bob Gaus for Saint Joseph’s at: 845.389.1503 and Ms. Faith Kwiecinski for Saint Peter’s at: 845.219.0850.

30 Days –and counting—prior to your Wedding Date

- ❖ Complete planning the liturgy (Readings, Lectors, Gift-bearers etc.)

It is recommended that you secure your marriage license at least seven working days before the wedding date.