



**ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI
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**Music for Your
Wedding Liturgy
at St. Francis Parish**

One Parish- Four Churches

**Saint Francis of Assisi, Brant Beach
Saint Thomas of Villanova, Surf City
Saint Thomas of Aquinas, Beach Haven
Saint Clare, Loveladies**



ST. FRANCIS
**Liturgy
& Music**

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“The celebration of your wedding liturgy is an expression of your faith. It should reflect the gratitude and joy that you feel towards God for all the blessings shown to you throughout your life, especially on your wedding day.”

- *From the Diocese of Trenton Wedding Guidelines*

CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR ENGAGEMENT!

This is an exciting time for you as you embark on the journey of planning a wedding and starting a life together. The wedding music that you choose for your wedding Mass or Ceremony should be carefully planned in order to reflect the sacred nature of this sacramental celebration. Our professional Music Ministry Staff and the Pastoral Staff of our parish have created this wedding music policy/booklet which will help guide you in choosing music, which is liturgically appropriate and consistent with the guidelines set forth by this church and the Diocese of Trenton.

We ask that you read through the music policy and selection list and then complete the wedding music selection worksheet in the back of this booklet. If you need any assistance in planning your music you can reach out to the director of music at the contact information above. We look forward to working with you.

“Your love for each other and your desire to share your lives together is a sign of God’s presence in your life, and a call to the vocation of marriage.”

- *From the Diocese of Trenton Wedding Guidelines*

Saint Francis Parish

MUSIC POLICY

THIS POLICY APPLIES TO ALL WEDDINGS IN OUR PARISH INCLUDING WEDDINGS WITH A VISITING PRIEST OR DEACON AS PRESIDER.

- **ALL WEDDINGS AT SAINT FRANCIS PARISH ARE REQUIRED TO HAVE OUR PARISH CANTOR AND ORGANIST/PIANIST PROVIDE THE MUSIC FOR THE LITURGY.** Both the wedding cantor and accompanist are required for each nuptial mass and ceremony here at our parish. These music ministers are skilled in providing music for weddings here in our parish. *The music department will schedule the musicians for you.* The cost of these musicians is included in the wedding fee that you will pay to the parish.

- **REQUESTS FOR A FAMILY MEMBER OR FRIEND TO SING:** You are required to have our parish cantor and organist/pianist provide the music for your wedding liturgy. If requested, someone other than the cantor may sing ONE musical selection. The song selections MUST be approved by the music ministry department. The song can be placed in one of the following locations:
 - **Before the wedding as a prelude**
 - **After the exchange of vows (ceremony only)**
 - **Meditation after Communion(mass only)**

PLEASE NOTE: The soloist must be well rehearsed before the wedding day and prepared to have a quick 10 minute rehearsal with our accompanist to set tempo and get comfortable with where they will sing.

- **INSTRUMENTALISTS:** You are welcome to have additional instrumentalists at your wedding. We have parish instrumentalists who we are happy to recommend. Please contact the music director for recommendations. You must notify the music director as soon as possible about any instrumentalists that you have hired.

PLEASE NOTE: The music department will not provide music for outside instrumentalists. If there is an abundance of music that will need to be rehearsed, unfamiliar or new pieces for the cantor and/or organist to learn and extra rehearsal time (more than 30 minutes) then there will be an extra fee for the parish musicians that will have to be paid before the day of the wedding. *It is the responsibility of the outside musicians to contact the music director to coordinate music and rehearsal.*

PARISH INSTRUMENTALIST RECOMMENDATION:

Familiar with our liturgy and plays here regularly. He sets his own fee and schedule.

Trumpet/String Bass: Ray Bohn, Email: rayjbohn@gmail.com or Phone: 609-713-5997

SAINT FRANCIS PARISH

MUSIC POLICY

- **THE MUSIC SELECTION WORKSHEET MUST BE COMPLETED AND HANDED IN TO THE MUSIC DEPARTMENT AT LEAST 30 DAYS BEFORE THE WEDDING DATE.** All music selections and placement of music is required to be approved by the music ministry department. *Please do not print your programs until you receive FINAL APPROVAL from the music ministry department.*
- **SPECIAL MUSIC REQUESTS NOT ON OUR PARISH MUSIC LIST:** If there is a piece of music that is not on our list that you would like for your wedding you must contact the music director for approval. All music must be of a religious nature. Any religious hymn from our hymnal or other popular catholic hymnal should be acceptable. There are many songs that are not appropriate for the church and would be better suited for the reception. Please contact the music director for approval. *PLEASE NOTE: Recorded music is NOT permitted.*
- **WEDDING COORDINATORS:** Please be advised that such outside professionals are not permitted to be involved in the musical decisions of your wedding here at St. Francis Parish. Just like the formation work that you do with the priest or deacon in preparation for your sacrament, you must attend to the details of your wedding music personally in coordination with the music director. If the wedding coordinator is present on the day of the wedding, she or he may not interfere with any aspect of the music unless invited to do so by the parish music ministry.
- **SOUND PROFESSIONALS:** Hiring a sound professional to record your wedding is permitted. **PLEASE NOTE:** They may not alter any of our church's sound equipment. It is advised that no photographer or videographer may interfere with the flow of the wedding liturgy which includes the music.
- **ALL COMMUNICATION WITH MUSIC DEPARTMENT MUST BE WITH THE BRIDE AND GROOM.** We do not discuss wedding music and arrangements with parents, family or friends of the wedding couple. This is your sacrament and you must attend to the details of your wedding liturgy. Take time to do this together and it will enhance the whole process.

WEDDING MUSIC SELECTION LIST

The music selection list is compiled here to assist you in your planning process. The music is listed in its suggested place in the wedding liturgy. However, the categories are not rigid. You can google any of these pieces to hear a sample if you are unfamiliar with the music. I suggest looking on <https://www.youtube.com> where you can type in the name of the song and composer to hear a sample.

- **PRELUDE MUSIC:** Choices can be chosen from the Wedding Party Processional list as well as any hymn can be played as an instrumental. You are able to choose up to 3 selections or you can leave all the choices up to the parish music dept. There will be between 15-20 minutes of prelude music before each wedding.
- **MOTHER'S/ GRANDMOTHER'S PROCESSION (optional):** Choose a music selection from the Wedding Party Procession list or the Communion Meditation section. This can be an instrumental or sung piece of music.

WEDDING PARTY AND BRIDAL PROCESSION	
CANON IN D	PACHELBEL
BRIDAL CHORUS	WAGNER
JESU JOY OF MAN'S DESIRING	BACH
LOVE IS THE SUNLIGHT(Instrumental)	COTTER
ALL CREATURES OF OUR GOD AND KING	TRADITONAL HYMN TUNE
MORNING HAS BROKEN(Instrumental)	BUNESSAN
SIMPLE GIFTS	FOLK MELODY
BE THOU MY VISION (SLANE)	TRADITIONAL IRISH MELODY
COME THOU FONT OF EVERY BLESSING (NETTLETON)	TRADITIONAL HYMN TUNE
LARGO	HANDEL
AIR ON THE G STRING	BACH
AIR FROM <i>WATER MUSIC</i>	HANDEL
TRUMPET VOLUNTARY - <i>Prince of Denmark's March</i>	CLARKE
TRUMPET TUNE	CLARKE
ST. ANTHONY CHORALE	BRAHMS/HADYN

RESPONSORIAL PSALM	
Psalm 33: THE EARTH IS FULL OF THE GOODNESS OF THE LORD	LAROSA
Psalm 34: TASTE AND SEE	KENDZIA
Psalm 103: THE LORD IS KIND AND MERCIFUL	LAROSA
Psalm 128: BLEST ARE THOSE WHO LOVE YOU	HAUGEN
Psalm 145: OUR LORD IS NEAR TO ALL WHO CALL UPON HIM	MANIBUSSAN

- **CEREMONY: SONG AFTER EXCHANGE OF VOWS AND RINGS**
- **MASS: PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS (OFFERTORY)**
***MANY OF THESE SELECTIONS ARE APPROPRIATE FOR COMMUNION TOO.**

HOLY GROUND	HART & LAROSA
LOVE GOES ON	FARRELL
BY MY SIDE	PORTER
ENDLESS IS YOUR LOVE	KENDZIA
I HAVE LOVED YOU	JONCAS
WHERE LOVE IS FOUND	SCHUTTE
THE GIFT OF LOVE	Arr. HOPSON
DRAWN TO YOU (Only for Preparation of Gifts)	HART
FOR THE BEAUTY OF THE EARTH (DIX)	TRADITIONAL HYMN
JESU JOY OF MAN'S DESIRING (VOCALS)	BACH
A NUPTIAL BLESSING	JONCAS

- **MASS: COMMUNION SELECTIONS**
- **CEREMONY: MANY OF THESE SELECTIONS ARE ALSO APPROPRIATE FOR THE SONG AFTER EXCHANGE OF VOWS AND RINGS**

HOW BEAUTIFUL	PARIS
PRAYER OF ST. FRANCIS	TEMPLE
ONE LOVE RELEASED	FRENZEL/ KEIL
SPIRIT AND GRACE	MANALO
THE SUPPER OF THE LORD	ROSANIA
HERE I AM, LORD	SCHUTTE
THE BODY OF CHRIST	HART
BY OUR LOVE	KENDZIA
SERVANT SONG	MCGARGILL

MASS: COMMUNION MEDITATION

MASS and CEREMONY: selections for Procession of Mothers/Grandmothers

***Most selections in the categories above are also acceptable**

HAIL MARY: GENTLE WOMAN	LANDRY
AVE MARIA	SCHUBERT
AVE MARIA	BACH/GOUNOD
MAGNIFICAT	SCHRAM

RECESSIONAL AND POSTLUDE

ODE TO JOY	BEETHOVEN
LOVE DIVINE ALL LOVES EXCELLING	HYFRODOL
CANTICLE OF THE SUN	HAUGEN
WEDDING MARCH	MENDELSSOHN
HORNPIPE FROM <i>WATER MUSIC</i>	HANDEL
RONDEAU	MOURET
TRUMPET VOLUNTARY- <i>Prince of Denmark's March</i>	CLARKE

WEDDING MUSIC SELECTION FORM

Please complete **BOTH PAGES** of this form and email it to: mbeck@stfrancisbi.org or mail it to: St. Francis Parish, Michele Beck, 4700 Long Beach Boulevard, Brant Beach, NJ 08008. You can also drop it off to the parish office or front desk of the St. Francis Center during open hours. After the form is received, the director of music will contact you with final approval. Please do not print programs until final approval is granted.

NAME OF BRIDE:
NAME OF GROOM:
WEDDING DATE:
TIME:
CHURCH:
PRESIDER:

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CONTACT INFORMATION

CONTACT EMAIL FOR COUPLE:
PHONE NUMBER:

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LITURGY DETAILS

CHECK ONE:

- FULL MASS WITH COMMUNION
- CEREMONY WITHOUT COMMUNION

PLEASE LIST THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE IN YOUR WEDDING PARTY	
MOTHERS FOR SEATING: _____	GRANDMOTHERS FOR SEATING: _____
BRIDESMAIDS (INCLUDE THE MAID OF HONOR AND JR. BRIDESMAIDS): _____	
FLOWER GIRLS: _____	
RING BEARERS: _____	
GROOMSMEN: _____	

WEDDING MUSIC SELECTION FORM

WEDDING LITURGY	NAME OF SONG	COMPOSER
PRELUDES: You may choose up to 3 selections or you can leave it up to the parish music dept.	1. 2. 3.	1. 2. 3.
SEATING OF THE MOTHERS and GRANDMOTHERS: This can be a separate song or they can process in to prelude music.		
WEDDING PARTY PROCESSIONAL: If you have a small wedding party sometimes it is best to have one song for both the wedding party and bridal procession.		
BRIDAL PROCESSIONAL: Can be a separate song or the same as the wedding party processional.		
RESPONSORIAL PSALM		
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION	CHOSEN BY MUSIC DEPARTMENT	-----
CEREMONY ONLY: SONG AFTER EXCHANGE OF VOWS AND RINGS		
MASS ONLY: PREPARATION OF GIFTS		
MASS ONLY: MASS SETTING	CHOSEN BY MUSIC DEPARTMENT	-----
MASS ONLY: COMMUNION		
MASS ONLY: COMMUNION MEDITATION *Optional part of Mass		
RECESSIONAL		
POSTLUDE: Last piece as guests leave. You can choose or leave up to music dept.		