

WEDDING FEES

*All Fees are Due to Office Administrator 14 Days
prior to the Wedding.*

Church/Chapel/Reception

(Payable to "St. Mark's")

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| ☒ Church ** | \$475 |
| ☒ Chapel ** | \$350 |
| ☒ Reception Facilities | \$600 |
| ☒ Reception Cleaning Fee | \$175 |

Administration

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| ☒ Office Administration <i>(Payable to "St. Mark's")</i> | \$50 |
| ☒ Service Bulletin (optional) <i>(Payable to office administrator)</i> | \$100 |

Wedding Coordinator *(Payable to "St. Mark's")*

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| ☒ w/ St. Mark's clergy | \$200 |
| ☒ w/ other clergy | \$250 |

Music

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| ☒ Organist <i>(Payable to organist)</i> | \$200 |
| ☒ Music Rehearsals <i>(Payable to musicians)</i> | \$50/hr |
| ☒ Vocalist <i>(If applicable, payable to vocalist)</i> | \$200 |

Clergy Honorarium *(Payable to clergy)* \$300

Pre-marital Counseling *(Fees vary)* **

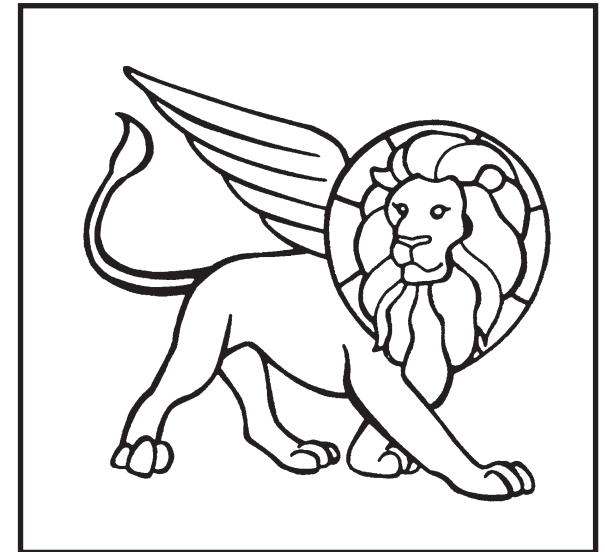
**** Note: No fee for pledging members of parish for
items marked with ****

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St. Mark's Episcopal Church
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To Couples Considering THE CELEBRATION AND BLESSING OF A MARRIAGE



*"The Union of husband and wife in heart, body, and
mind is intended by God for their mutual joy."*

*The Celebration and Blessing of a Marriage
The Book of Common Prayer*

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In order that your wedding day and marriage be meaningful and happy we offer the following thoughts:

✘ The Celebration and Blessing of a Marriage is a Sacramental Covenant of the Church which is offered by the clergy of this parish as a pastoral service to parish members and their immediate families. With the approval of a member of the clergy of St. Mark's, weddings may be performed for non-members under special circumstances or for those seeking a church family.

✘ Before setting a date for your wedding, you will need to meet with clergy of the parish at least three months before the proposed date. It is necessary that either the bride or groom be baptized in the Christian faith. Weddings traditionally are not celebrated during the seasons of Advent and Lent. In the case of remarriage after divorce, pre-marital counseling must be fulfilled 30 days in advance of the wedding, so that the priest may complete the required paperwork. **Please contact Katie Yates, our Office Administrator, for further information.**

✘ **COUNSELING:** Following an initial appointment with a member of the clergy and during subsequent appointments, the meaning of Christian marriage and the content and design of the ceremony will be explored. Premarital counseling is required for all weddings at St. Mark's.

✘ **WEDDING SERVICE:** Weddings are celebrated according to the Book of Common Prayer (1979). Certain adaptations may be made.

✘ **OUTSIDE CLERGY:** Clergy from other congregations may officiate at weddings with the approval of St. Mark's clergy.

✘ **MUSIC:** A great variety of suitable music is available for your selection. Following confirmation of the date of the ceremony a consultation with our resident organist **must** be arranged before any music is planned. Any other musicians or music must be approved by the organist at St. Mark's. **If outside musicians replace the resident organist, fees for the resident organist may still apply.**

✘ **OUR WEDDING COORDINATOR(S)** will assist you in arrangements for logistical specifics, and assembling the wedding party for the rehearsal and ceremony. All weddings at St. Mark's **must** have a wedding coordinator.

✘ **PICTURES:** Formal photography should conclude 30 minutes before the ceremony begins. No still photography which detracts from the dignity of the ceremony is permitted during the service. (**No flash** pictures during ceremony.) The church is available after the ceremony for up to 30 minutes for posed photos. We suggest you take your pictures as quickly as possible so as not to keep your guests waiting. **Videotaping** of the ceremony may be permitted from certain locations with the prior approval of the participating cleric and wedding coordinator. Please ask your family and guests to be aware of these guidelines. Your photographer or videographer will be notified of these guidelines in a separate letter.

✘ **FLOWERS:** Flowers are to be arranged by a florist and payment made to that person. The church will be open an hour and a half prior to the ceremony for the delivery and placement of flowers. **Floral arrangements need to remain at the church following the ceremony for Sunday worship.**



FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE AND A SUCCESSFUL CEREMONY

- ✘ It is helpful to arrive ten minutes before the scheduled start of your rehearsal.
- ✘ On your wedding day if dressing at the Church, you may arrive one and one half hours before the actual ceremony.
- ✘ We ask that nothing (birdseed, rice, confetti, etc.) be thrown at the bride and groom on the grounds of the church.
- ✘ The lighting of "Unity Candles" is not part of the Episcopal marriage liturgy.
- ✘ Please do not consume alcohol on church grounds.
- ✘ Remember to bring your Marriage License to the rehearsal.
- ✘ A guest book is not to be used at the church.
- ✘ Flower or ring bearers **must** be at least 4 years old.

"Give them wisdom and devotion in the ordering of their common life, that each may be to the other a strength in need, a counselor in perplexity, a comfort in sorrow and a companion in joy. Amen."

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The Book of Common Prayer*