

Thank you for both your interest in and consideration of celebrating the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony at the Shrine of Our Lady of Pompeii!

All pilgrims are welcome to celebrate their faith, to deepen their personal commitment to Christ and devotion to Mary, Mother of God.

We pledge to do all we can to ensure a beautiful and sacred day that will always be treasured.

Wedding Times & Days:

1:00, 3:00, 5:00 p.m. Saturdays
1:30, 3:30 p.m. Sundays

Rehearsal Times & Days:

5:00, 6:00, 7:00 p.m. Fridays
11:00 a.m., 7:00 p.m. Saturdays

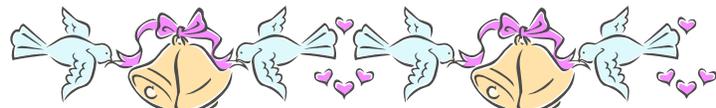
Marriage Requirements:

Requirements for The Sacrament of Marriage within the Archdiocese of Chicago can be found at a user friendly website. Please logon to the following web address and navigate to engaged couples Seven Steps: www.marriageandfamilyministries.org/steps.htm

FLOWERS & CELEBRATORY ITEMS:

Floral arrangements are permissible in the sanctuary with several exceptions:

- 1) Season of Advent, 4 weeks
- 2) Christmas Season, 3 weeks
- 3) Lenten Season, 7 weeks
- 4) Easter Season, a 50 day period from Easter to Pentecost Sundays



WEDDING GUIDELINES

During all four Liturgical seasons listed above, decorations may not be modified or rearranged. In addition to above mentioned, flower petals-rice-birdseed-balloons-and pigeons are prohibited. Please inform florist of these restrictions.

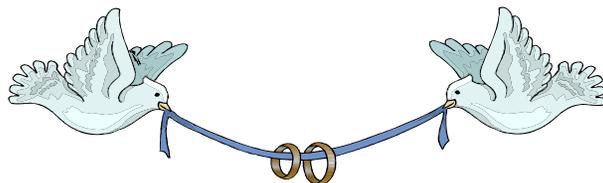
Music:

There are basically two options for music at wedding ceremonies:

- 1) Referrals of highly recommended Musicians that have served at Pompeii
- 2) An approved liturgical quartet or other instrumental combination. Please consult with organist/pianist or instrumentalist for musical selections along with related fees.

PHOTOGRAPHY:

Photographers are welcomed. Following wedding ceremony, a limited amount of time is allotted for indoor photos. Please ask photographer to consult with on-site liturgical coordinator for details.



PARKING: Complementary parking located along Lexington, Lytle, and Cabrini Streets for both rehearsal and ceremony.

FEES:

A tax-deductible fee of \$850.00 (N.B. price subject to change on 12/31 or 1/1) is due at time of reserving date/time to secure a wedding ceremony. In the event of a cancellation, \$250.00 will not be refunded. The Shrine fee of \$850.00 does not include the following expenses: clergy, musicians, photographer, videographer, florist, wedding coordinator.

Cash, Visa, Mastercard, and/or Check made payable to, *The Shrine of Our Lady of Pompeii*, are accepted. Go to www.ourladyofpompeii.org to make your payment on-line. Just click on the wedding rings icon.

Wedding Coordinator:



If a private Wedding Consultant is retained, please copy and email this document to coordinator and also ask them to contact shrine office for liturgical specific requirements.

FAQ's

- Visiting Roman Catholic clergy welcome
- Seating capacity of The Shrine of Our Lady of Pompeii approximately 440
- Restrooms in School Hall
- Aisle Length, 75 feet from the steps of sanctuary to last pew
- Shrine Affiliation not Required
- For couples who are registered parishioners, please notify your parish and inform sacramental coordinator of intention to be married at Pompeii. And, also ask for letter of permission as well.

**MISSION STATEMENT:
THE SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF POMPEII**

The Shrine of Our Lady of Pompeii is a holy place of pilgrimage consecrated to Mary, Queen of the Holy Rosary. The Rosary celebrates the mysteries of Christ's life, whose incarnation, death and resurrection are the heart of the Shrine's ministry and our sacred link to salvation. The portrait of Our Lady of Pompeii illustrates the Rosary as Mary's gift to the Church, just as The Shrine of Our Lady of Pompeii is the gift of the Italian-American community to the Archdiocese of Chicago.

The Shrine is a center of hospitality, evangelization and spiritual growth, founded in the Italian tradition and culture. Located in Chicago's Near West Side, with its rich cultural diversity, the Shrine stands as a testimony to the faith and generosity of our ancestors and continues to embrace all pilgrims of faith. Thus, the Shrine enriches the mission of the Archdiocese of Chicago by dedicating its energies to the following spiritual and cultural goals:

† To maintain the Shrine as a place of pilgrimage and comfort, where all might experience inspirational moments of prayer, contemplation and devotion.

† To joyfully celebrate the sacred moments of life and the feasts and seasons of the Church Year, especially the solemnities of Mary and the patron saints of the Italian heritage.

† To celebrate with all pilgrims vibrant Sunday and Feast Day liturgies that are marked with warm hospitality, inspiring music and homilies.

† To be committed to Archdiocesan efforts of evangelization and healing for alienated and non-practicing Catholics of all ages.

† To preserve and enhance a ministry of spiritual assistance and service to others.

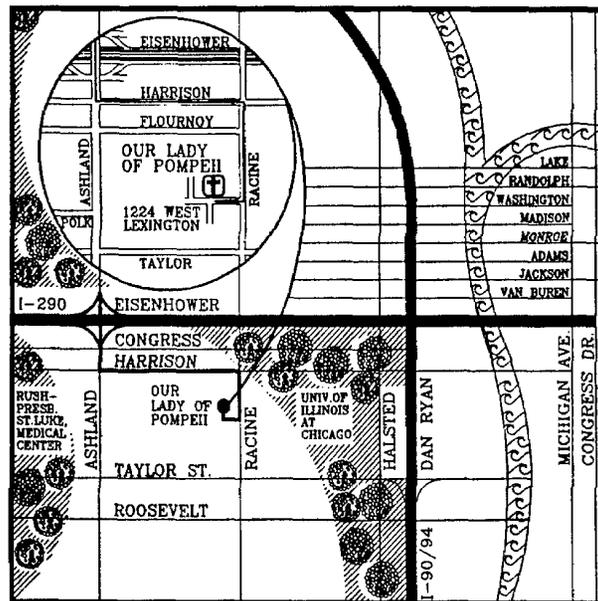
† To express the richness of the Italian culture and to foster appreciation of this rich heritage as a gift to all within our multi-cultural Archdiocese and society.

† To provide a center for younger generations of Italian-Americans to more deeply understand, recognize and appreciate their rich cultural identity and deeply rooted devotion to Mary.

† To be a place of unity and reconciliation for Italian-Americans dispersed throughout the Chicago area, the nation and the world.

**Located in the Heart of
Chicago's Historic Little Italy**

Our Lady of Pompeii, the oldest continuing Italian-American Catholic Church in the City of Chicago, is located just 5 minutes west of the Loop; only 2 blocks north of Taylor Street with its famous Italian restaurants and deli shops; and 2 blocks south of the Eisenhower Expressway I-290. Public access conveniently available via CTA and METRA.



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