

Weddings

at

St Paul's



ST PAUL'S CHURCH IN ENGLEWOOD
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Welcome to St Paul's!

We are delighted that you are considering being married at St Paul's. Our beautiful sacred space has been the setting for splendid weddings for over one hundred years, and our hope is that you will choose St Paul's as the location for one of the most joyous and sacred days of your life.

Although being a member is not a requirement to be married at St. Paul's, our sincere hope is that each couple married here will consider becoming a part of the St. Paul's community. The Episcopal Church requires that at least one of the couple be a baptized Christian and that two witnesses attest to the wedding ceremony.

Our Parish Administrator will serve as your first contact. A minimum of three months before a wedding is to occur is required to accommodate the process, unless given formal exception by the Rector of the Parish.

FEES

Wedding costs are an important concern of every couple. Our desire is to make our fees and the payment schedule clear and direct. St. Paul's grand and complex space and its prominent location dictate the establishment of fees. There are two fee tiers, one for members and one for non-members. These fees are outside any arrangements concerning the use of space beyond the actual wedding ceremony.

Our current fees and payment schedule is

	MEMBERS	NON-MEMBERS
Use of Church	\$ -0-	\$1,000
Use of Chapel	-0-	500
Officiating Clergy	-✕-	500
Sexton	150	150
Organist	300	300
Altar Guild	100	100
Soloist	200	200
Choir	-0-	1,000
Reception Janitorial	300	300

A deposit of \$300 is due when the wedding is booked, applicable to fees. All fees must be in the Parish Office one week in advance of the wedding.

✕A donation to the Clergy is in addition to above fees, and recognizes the attention provided for counseling, the rehearsal, and the marriage ceremony. Monies given to the clergy will be applied to the clergy discretionary fund, an alms fund used for charitable acts in the community.

START THE PROCESS

If you find these costs within your budget and you desire to begin the wedding process at St. Paul's, please complete the Wedding Registration Form.

The clergy will be in touch by email within a week of receiving your form to arrange a first conversation by phone. An in-person meeting with both members of the couple will follow. Please do not firmly set a date until you have met with your priest and together determined that St Paul's is the right place for your wedding.

PRE-MARITAL COUNSELING

Pre-marital counseling is both a requirement of the Episcopal Church and a strong commitment on the part of St. Paul's clergy. A minimum of three pre-marital meetings will be held, with the expectation that both parties will attend. These meetings are to provide as much preparation as possible for you as a couple in taking this significant life step and to satisfy the priest that to the best of his/her knowledge the couple has a reasonably and holy hope for a lifelong marriage. Your priest will share more details about this process in the initial meeting.

If either of you has been divorced, our clergy must receive permission from the Bishop of the Diocese of Newark to perform the marriage ceremony. Your priest will explain this process.

A civil wedding license must be obtained from a City Clerk and given to the priest before the wedding at the rehearsal.

SERVICE DETAILS

Planning the liturgy (service details) occurs under the direction of the priest and within the rites set forth within the Episcopal Church or Anglican Communion. Three Lessons and one or two Psalms are required for the service. Please choose the lessons from the ones the church recommends which are in this booklet, and provide two readers from the wedding party for the First and Second Lessons. Other readings may be suggested and used with the approval of the officiating clergy.

Each couple will work with our Director of Music, who will be creative and flexible in helping you choose music appropriate to the sacred space and solemnity of the liturgy. Bring your ideas and preferences to them. Because of the sacred nature of the Marriage Rite, music outside of the Classical/Sacred repertoire (popular songs, show tunes, etc.) is best used at your reception. The music of the service is ultimately at the discretion of the officiating priest. St. Paul's music director must be consulted and give consent if other musicians are to be invited.

A Wedding Service Booklet will be prepared especially for your wedding using the data you provide, so be as complete as possible.

PHOTOGRAPHY & VIDEOGRAPHY

While photographs and video are treasured reminders of this special day, photographers and videographers must adhere to requirements which preserve the sacred nature of the service. Arrangements must be made prior to the day of the service if you wish to take photographs before or after the wedding.

The following guidelines for professional photographers and videographers must be carefully followed:

- Flash may not be used during the service, except during the entering procession, and then only if equipment and photographer remain behind the congregation, with the flash directed at the west end door (away from the congregation).
- During the service, only photography with a quiet shutter is permitted from the galleries and/or behind the congregation.
- Guests are respectfully requested to refrain from any photography during the service.

FLOWERS

Flowers are permitted in both the church and the chapel. St. Paul's uses a professional florist, who is accustomed to decorating our space, following the guidelines for arrangements. If you choose to use another florist, the firm must meet with Parish staff early in the planning process to assure that the following guidelines are understood and followed:

- No flowers or other decorations may be placed on the altar itself.
- Flowers at the altar will remain with St. Paul's. All other flowers and decorations must be removed within two hours following the service.
- Floral arrangements near the altar may not exceed the height of the altar cross.
- Floral arrangements must be hung with a ribbon loop on any wood fixtures. No adhesive, tacks, nails, or other invasive means are to be used.

ONLY A FEW "DONTs"

St. Paul's does not permit the use of aisle runners or "Unity Candles." Rice, flower petals, confetti, etc. may not be scattered in the church or chapel or on the church property.

FINALLY

We trust you have found this information helpful. To begin the process of being married at St. Paul's, please complete the Wedding Registration Form.

If you have questions, please contact our Parish Administrator, by email (office@stpaulsenglewood.org) or phone (201-568-3276)

WEDDING LESSONS & PSALMS
recommended by the Book of Common Prayer

FIRST LESSON

(Please choose one of the following readings from the Hebrew Bible)

1. Genesis 1:26-28 *(Male and female he created them)*

God said, "Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth." So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth."

2. Genesis 2:4-9, 15-24 *(A man cleaves to his wife and they become one flesh)*

These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created. In the day that the Lord God made the earth and the heavens, when no plant of the field was yet in the earth and no herb of the field had yet sprung up—for the Lord God had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and there was no one to till the ground; but a stream would rise from the earth, and water the whole face of the ground—then the Lord God formed man from the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and the man became a living being. And the Lord God planted a garden in Eden, in the east; and there he put the man whom he had formed. Out of the ground the Lord God made to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food, the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the Lord God commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die." Then the Lord God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner." So out of the ground the Lord God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. And the rib that the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. Then the man said, "This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called Woman, for out of Man this one was taken." Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh.

3. Song of Solomon 2:10-13; 8:6-7 *(Many waters cannot quench love)*

My beloved speaks and says to me: "Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away; for now the winter is past, the rain is over and gone. The flowers appear on the earth; the time of singing has come, and the voice of the turtledove is heard in our land. The fig tree puts forth its figs, and the vines are in blossom; they give forth fragrance. Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away. Set me as a seal upon your heart, as a seal upon your arm; for love is strong as death, passion fierce as the grave. Its flashes are flashes of fire, a raging flame. Many waters cannot quench love, neither can floods drown it. If one offered for love all the wealth of one's house, it would be utterly scorned."

4. Tobit 8:5b-8 *(That she and I may grow old together)*

[Sarah and Tobias] began to pray and implore that they might be kept safe. Tobias began by saying, "Blessed are you, O God of our ancestors, and blessed is your name in all generations forever. You made Adam, and for him you made his wife Eve as a helper and a support. From the two of them the human race has sprung. You said, 'It is not good that the man should be alone; let us make a helper for him like himself.' I now am taking this kinswoman of mine, not because of lust but with sincerity. Grant that she and I may find mercy and that we may grow old together." And they both said, "Amen. Amen."

5. Ecclesiastes 4:9-12 *(How can one keep warm alone?)*

Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their toil. For if they fall, one will lift up the other; but woe to one who is alone and falls and does not have another to help. Again, if two lie together, they keep warm; but how can one keep warm alone? And though one might prevail against another, two will withstand one. A threefold cord is not quickly broken.

SECOND LESSON

(Please choose one of the following readings from the Letters to the Early Church)

1. 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

(Love is patient and kind)

If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing. Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

2. Ephesians 3:14-19

(The Father from whom every family is named)

For this reason I bow my knees before the Father from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

3. Ephesians 5:1-2, 21-33

(Walk in love, as Christ loved us)

Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God. Be subject to one another out of reverence for Christ. Wives, be subject to your husbands as you are to the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife just as Christ is the head of the church, the body of which he is the Savior. Just as the church is subject to Christ, so also wives ought to be, in everything, to their husbands. Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, in order to make her holy by cleansing her with the washing of water by the word, so as to present the church to himself in splendor, without a spot or wrinkle or anything of the kind—yes, so that she may be holy and without blemish. In the same way, husbands should love their wives as they do their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. For no one ever hates his own body, but he nourishes and tenderly cares for it, just as Christ does for the church, because we are members of his body. [Scripture says,] “For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two will become one flesh.” This is a great mystery, and I am applying it to Christ and the church. Each of you, however, should love his wife as himself, and a wife should respect her husband.

4. Colossians 3:12-17

(Love which binds everything together in harmony)

As God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

5. 1 John 4:7-16

(Let us love one another for love is of God)

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God’s love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us. By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them.

GOSPEL LESSON

(Please choose one of the following readings from the Gospels)

1. Matthew 5:1-10

(The Beatitudes)

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying: “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.”

2. Matthew 5:13-16

(You are the salt of the earth ... Let your light so shine)

[Jesus said,] “You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot. You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.”

3. Matthew 7:21, 24-29

(Like a wise man who built his house upon the rock)

[Jesus said,] “Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father in heaven. Everyone then who hears these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on rock. The rain fell, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on rock. And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not act on them will be like a foolish man who built his house on sand. The rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell—and great was its fall!” Now when Jesus had finished saying these things, the crowds were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as their scribes.

4. Mark 10:6-9, 13-16

(They are no longer two but one)

[Jesus said] “From the beginning of creation, ‘God made them male and female.’ For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh. So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.” People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, “Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.” And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

5. John 15:9-12

(Love one another as I have loved you)

[Jesus said,] “As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.”

PSALMS BETWEEN THE LESSONS

(Please choose one or two, as agreed with the priest)

PSALM 67 *Deus misereatur*

- 1 May God be merciful to us and bless us, *
show us the light of his countenance and come to us.
- 2 Let your ways be known upon earth, *
your saving health among all nations.
- 3 Let the peoples praise you, O God; *
let all the peoples praise you.
- 4 Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, *
for you judge the peoples with equity

- and guide all the nations upon earth.
- 5 Let the peoples praise you, O God; *
let all the peoples praise you.
 - 6 The earth has brought forth her increase; *
may God, our own God, give us his blessing.
 - 7 May God give us his blessing, *
and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of him.

PSALM 127 *Nisi Dominus*

- 1 Unless the LORD builds the house, *
their labor is in vain who build it.
- 2 Unless the LORD watches over the city, *
in vain the watchman keeps his vigil.
- 3 It is in vain that you rise so early and go to bed so late; *
vain, too, to eat the bread of toil,
for he gives to his beloved sleep.
- 4 Children are a heritage from the LORD, *
and the fruit of the womb is a gift.
- 5 Like arrows in the hand of a warrior *
are the children of one's youth.
- 6 Happy is the man who has his quiver full of them! *
he shall not be put to shame
when he contends with his enemies in the gate.

PSALM 128 *Beati omnes*

- 1 Happy are they all who fear the LORD, *
and who follow in his ways!
- 2 You shall eat the fruit of your labor; *
happiness and prosperity shall be yours.
- 3 Your wife shall be like a fruitful vine within your house, *
your children like olive shoots round about your table.
- 4 The man who fears the LORD *
shall thus indeed be blessed.
- 5 The LORD bless you from Zion, *
and may you see the prosperity of Jerusalem
all the days of your life.
- 6 May you live to see your children's children; *
may peace be upon Israel.