

# Bridal Check List



Visit the priest who will perform the marriage at least six weeks before your intended wedding date. Don't make any other arrangements (reception, honeymoon, etc.) until you have confirmed the date with him and with the church in which you will be married.

Sharing floral expenses with other couples being married on the same day will save costs and avoid confusion.

Inquire about the manner in which the organist or other musicians are contacted and the customary offering.

Instruct your photographer to consult the priest in the sacristy before the wedding to determine times and places where pictures are appropriate during the ceremony.

Tell the wedding party the importance of being prompt for both the rehearsal and the wedding.

Full participation in the sacrament of Matrimony involves the sharing of Holy Communion. It is fitting for the bride and groom to prepare for their marriage by receiving the sacrament of Penance.

Remember the Eucharistic Regulation: No solid food or liquids for one hour before Communion; water and medicine may be taken at any time. The bride, groom and members of the wedding party may receive Holy Communion under both species. Parents, relatives and friends are encouraged to receive Holy Communion.

Each parish has regulations for the conducting of weddings (e.g. throwing of rice and confetti is not permitted at many churches) You will be expected to follow these rules. If you're not sure of the customs, ask your pastor.

Plan your own wedding ceremony with the help of the priest. Booklets to assist you are available in many parishes and at the Pre-Cana Conference. Members of your family and friends may read the first and second readings, and the prayer of the Faithful. They may also take part in the Offertory procession.

A Protestant clergyman or a Rabbi may participate in the wedding ceremony. Arrangements for this should be made in advance with the priest marrying you.

# State Marriage Regulations

Each applicant must present a State Pre-Marital Blood Test Form, duly signed by the physician and applicant. Physicians' Statement must show date specimen was taken, names and addresses of physician and applicant, name and address of the laboratory processing the test, but the results must not be shown.

Serological tests may be made in any laboratory approved and directly operated by the Department of Health in any state or the District of Columbia. Also acceptable are laboratories of the U.S. Army, Navy or public health service. Privately owned or municipally operated laboratories are not acceptable.

Blood test expires 30 days from the taking of specimen. License must be obtained during these thirty days.

In case of pregnancy,

neither party is required to have blood tests. Instead, bride must have a letter from (and signed by) a physician giving her Expected Date of Confinement. In this case, without blood tests, couple must wait ten days after issuance of license before they may be married.

Both parties must appear in person when applying for marriage license.

Marriage license is valid 60 days from date of issuance. Marriage may take place 24 hours after issuance, providing blood tests are at least 10 days old. The waiting period for blood tests is 10 days, instead of just 3 days. This law became effective on Sept. 1, 1972. License may be obtained before blood tests are 10 days old, but ceremony cannot be performed until blood tests are 10 days old!

All applicants must present proof of age. Males

16-17 and females 16-17 must have consent of both parents. Parents must appear in person or sign a notarized statement of consent. (If signed outside of New York State, this consent form must also bear the seal of the County Clerk.) If parents are divorced, only the parent having legal custody, or the Court Appointed Legal Guardian must sign.

Girls 14-15 must be granted a court order of consent, as well as parent's consent.

License issued in New York State may be used anywhere in the state. License may be obtained in

one city and the ceremony performed in another. There is no residency requirement.

If divorced, a certified copy of the final decree of divorce must be presented, showing: Date of Filing, place divorce was granted and against whom. If more than one previous marriage, each and every divorce must be proven. Decree must bear the County Seal. This law took effect Sept. 1, 1972.

If you have any further questions, please call at 428-7130 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. License fee . . . \$4. Licenses may also be applied for and obtained at any Town Hall.

## What Is a Family?

### WHAT IS A FAMILY?

A family is a very special gift from God, made up of the love of a mother, the wisdom of a father, and the innocence of a child.

It is an endless source of laughter, tears, smiles, and sighs and very special memories.

A family is there to cheer us when we're blue, to reassure us when we are troubled, to tease us, to spoil us . . . and to pray for us.

A family is a guiding light—a light of God's love and a lamp of His understanding.

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