



Congratulations on your upcoming wedding!

We are happy you have selected Old St. Augustine Church to celebrate the Sacrament of Marriage. Below, you will find helpful information regarding selecting music and musicians for your wedding ceremony.

Wedding Music Open Houses

Once a quarter, the musicians at Old St. Augustine Church host a Wedding Music Open House. This is a FREE event that allows all couples (and moms and best friends and grandmothers) to come hear a wide selection of songs for each part of your wedding ceremony and Mass. You'll also get to hear how our musicians sound in the space. The afternoon usually lasts about an hour and a half, and you'll receive a **Music Guide** and a **Music Selection Sheet** to help you. This event is kind of like a concert, and you are free to record songs, ask questions, and meet the musicians. Interested in attending? Look for an email from Jean Mangini, and don't forget to RSVP!

Want to hear more? You are always welcome to come to any 7PM Sunday mass. Our wedding musicians often provide the music for this mass. It's a good opportunity to hear what we sound like, and to introduce yourself!

St. Augustine Church Musicians

St. Augustine Church offers beautiful music for our parishioners and for those getting married in our historic church. Our musicians are trained professionals with years of experience (some of them even performed for Pope Francis in the Festival of Families choir, singing backup for Andrea Bocelli, Aretha Franklin, and Juanes!) Our in-house musicians are happy to provide appropriate musical accompaniment for your wedding ceremony or Mass. They are well-versed in a wide range of classical, traditional, and contemporary song selections and are familiar with the order of the wedding Mass.

Our musicians are available for individual hire at a rate of **\$275 per musician**, which is a competitive local rate. If you are interested in hiring our singers or instrumentalists, we encourage you to let us know how many voices and what instruments you would like for your ceremony in advance.

Please note: we cannot guarantee a specific musician will be available for your wedding. If you indicate your interest in voice(s) and instruments, we will let you know who has been assigned to your ceremony about 2 months in advance of your wedding date. If, for any reason, a voice part or instrument you have requested is not available, we will assist in finding a suitable professional musician from the Philadelphia area to provide music.

We strongly recommend at least one cantor and one pianist/organist for any wedding.

Hiring Outside Musicians

Music for weddings at St. Augustine Church is to be provided by our in-house musicians. However, if you have a friend or family member who is familiar with the Catholic Wedding Ceremony and would prefer they provide your music, please note the following:

- 1) Mr. Kim Barroso is the employed Music Director at St. Augustine Church and provides piano and organ accompaniment for all weddings. If you decide to use a different keyboard accompanist for your wedding, **you will still be required to pay the \$275 bench fee for Mr. Barroso.** *If Mr. Barroso is unable to play for your wedding due to emergency or scheduling, this fee will be waived.*
- 2) Any additional rehearsals with external soloists or instrumentalists may be contracted at \$50.00 for each musician present at the rehearsal. (30 minutes maximum set for a day/time that all musicians are available).

If you would like to hire outside musicians, please have them contact Kim Barroso and Jean Mangini for more information.

Selecting Music

We recommend couples use the **Music Selection Sheet**, provided by St. Augustine Church, to indicate which songs you would like used for each part of your ceremony and Mass. This sheet should be turned in or emailed **at least 1 month** before your wedding, so that the musicians can be fully prepared. You can also use the **Music Guide** to see all the song options, and to see how songs and composers can be listed in a program.

Want a song you don't see on the **Music Guide**? That's perfectly fine! Let us know what your request is. If we do not currently have music, we ask that you pay for the purchase of the sheet music. Most music is available for download online for around \$6. We'll help you find exactly what our musicians and singers need, so that we can provide the songs you love for your big day.

Please note: secular (non-church) music is not allowed during the wedding liturgy, including the processional and recessional songs. Instrumental versions may be played as a prelude or postlude, but cannot be used during the ceremony or Mass. Thank you for understanding.

A note about "Here Comes the Bride": The Archdiocese of Philadelphia has directed its churches not to use this song in any weddings. The song comes from an Opera, *Lohengrin*, which contains witches and paganism. *Spoiler Alert:* the bride is left by the groom on her wedding night and then dies of grief in the final scene. So ask us about lovely alternatives for your grand entrance.

Musicians will perform the music you select for your ceremony using the **Music Selection Sheet**, and will also provide a short prelude (10-20 minutes) before the ceremony begins, as guests are being seated. If music listed in your program is different than the music provided on the Music Selection Sheet, musicians will use the music on the **Music Selection Sheet**. If you have any last-minute changes, please notify all musicians by email at least 24 hours in advance.

Communications and Arrangements

We hope to make selecting your music and musicians as easy as possible!

- 1) **Contact Chesley.** Chesley coordinates music/musicians for all the St. Augustine weddings

and will be quickest to respond to any questions. Contact her to request musicians, select music, ask questions, etc. chesley.turner@gmail.com

- 2) Use your names and wedding date in your email. This helps us address your needs quickly and efficiently!
- 3) Once Chesley confirms your musicians, she'll start an email chain with all of your musicians together and all the information that is needed. Please use this email chain to communicate, and include anyone who needs to know things (i.e.: Mother of the Bride if she's involved in arrangements).
- 4) Kim Barroso, our Music Director and pianist/organist, may not respond to email immediately. The best way to contact him is via text at **713-501-3463**. However, please remember that for most inquiries, you should contact chesley.turner@gmail.com.

Payment

Payment can be made by cash, check, or Venmo. It can be made on the day of the wedding *before* the ceremony, or it can be mailed about **2-3 weeks before the wedding date**, as you prefer. To mail payment in advance, please refer to the contact information below. Please don't mail payment more than 3 weeks in advance!

Late Start?

We've been playing weddings at St. Augustine's for over 10 years, so we know weddings often run behind schedule, and that's okay! Musicians will continue playing a prelude while your guests wait for the ceremony to begin!

However, ***if your wedding starts more than 30 minutes late***, we strongly suggest you consider providing a \$50 tip to each musician, in appreciation for the music and entertainment they have provided above and beyond the original contract agreement, and their flexibility in schedule. Please remember, your booked musicians have planned to be present and performing from about 20 minutes before your wedding start time to about an hour and a half after your wedding start time.

Make a Joyful Noise!

We welcome you to St. Augustine Church and we congratulate you on your upcoming wedding! If you have any questions or special requests, please feel free to contact Jean Mangini at staugweddings9@gmail.com, or contact Chesley or Kim.

St. Augustine Church In-House Musicians Contact Information

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To sing is to pray twice.

-St. Augustine