

## Wedding Guidelines Non-Parishioners

1. Atlantic City is a popular destination for weddings, and the Parish of St. Monica, as the city-wide parish of Atlantic City, is also a popular wedding destination. For Catholics, marriage is a sacrament and it is most commonly celebrated in the home parish of the bride or groom. Therefore, we encourage couples to be married by their parish priest in their own parish church. For couples who still desire that their wedding be in the Parish of St. Monica, despite them not being parishioners of the parish, marriage preparation needs to be completed by the couple's parish priest, or another priest or a deacon of their choosing. Couples must also invite a priest or deacon of their choosing to officiate at the wedding as the priests of the Parish of St. Monica are already committed to their ministry in the parish. All necessary paperwork and documentation (certification of baptism, Pre-Cana papers, Pre-Nuptial Investigation form, civil marriage license, priest letter of suitability, etc.) must be completed by the couple and the priest preparing them for marriage well in advance of the ceremony.

2. For non-parishioners, the fee for the use of the churches within Parish of St. Monica (Saint Nicholas of Tolentine, 1409 Pacific Ave; Saint Michael, 10 N Mississippi Ave; Our Lady Star of the Sea, 2651 Atlantic Ave) is \$2,000.00. A 50% non-refundable deposit of \$1,000 is required in order to secure a wedding date. The remaining balance of \$1,000 is due 30 days prior to the wedding. Payments may be made by check, credit card, or cash. Checks should be made payable to "The Parish of St. Monica" with your wedding date as the memo (i.e., "wedding, August 8th"). For credit card payments, please include the name, card number, expiration date, and security code exactly as they appear on the card, as well as the address of the credit card holder. If you are paying by cash, please bring your payment to the parish office, which is open Monday – Friday, 9 am to 4 pm. A receipt will be provided.

*Please mail any information or payments to:*

Parish of Saint Monica  
Attn: Laura Bello  
2651 Atlantic Ave  
Atlantic City, NJ 08401

## Parish of Saint Monica Destination Wedding Form

Name of Bride: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Groom: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

### Wedding Information

Requested Wedding Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Requested Church (circle): St. Nicholas St. Michael's Our Lady Star of the Sea

Requested Date & Time of Rehearsal: \_\_\_\_\_

Musician: Nick Myers (309) 453-9929 / [nickmyers87@gmail.com](mailto:nickmyers87@gmail.com) \$350 base charge  
(If you bring your own musician(s), you will need to pay a bench fee of \$250 to Nick Myers)

### Presiding Priest Information

(If your priest is from a different Diocese, he must present a letter of suitability as soon as possible)

Priest's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

As non-parishioners, we understand that the fee for a destination wedding at the Parish of St. Monica is \$2,000 and that a 50% non-refundable deposit of \$1,000 is required in order to secure a wedding date. We also understand that we must complete marriage preparation with my parish priest, the celebrant of the wedding, or another priest or deacon outside of the Parish of St. Monica. We understand that we are responsible for finding a priest or deacon to officiate at the wedding and that the presider must send all paperwork to Laura Bello no later than two weeks before the wedding. We understand that the priests of the Parish of Saint Monica are unable to prepare us for marriage and officiate at our wedding because they are committed to fulfilling their ministries and duties in our parish. We also acknowledge that we have thoroughly read the "do's and don'ts" for destination weddings at the parish of St. Monica and agree to these and all other requirements for destination weddings at the Parish of St. Monica (<https://rb.gy/synsu>). The parish establishes all the safety protocols.

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Signature of Groom

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Bride

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date