

CONGRATULATIONS! Thank you for choosing The Shrine of Our Lady of Pompeii to celebrate your nuptials. We are committed to working with you to ensure you have a beautiful and sacred day that will always be treasured.

WEDDING TIMES & DAYS:

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

**Considering your wedding on a special day/holiday? Please contact the Pastoral Associate for availability and donation.*

REHEARSAL TIMES & DAYS:

5:00, 6:00, 7:00p.m. Fridays & Saturdays

MARRIAGE REQUIREMENTS:

Before a marriage is commemorated, it must be evident that nothing stands in the way of its valid and lawful celebration. Church Law requires the following:

- ◆ If you are registered at a parish, inform them of your intention to marry at the Shrine and ask for a Letter of Permission.
- ◆ For Catholics, their Baptismal Certificate obtained within six (6) months before wedding. For non-Catholics, a certificate or a letter from the church of baptism, verifying their baptism.
- ◆ Completion of a Pre-Nuptial Questionnaire, for the bride and groom. The following website is recommended for marriage preparation: **www.familyministries.org**
- ◆ Completion of testimonial forms
- ◆ Proper dispensations or permissions.
- ◆ Any required Declaration of Nullity.
- ◆ Granting of Delegation if you are bringing in your own Priest/Deacon.
- ◆ A civil marriage license no more than 60 days before wedding.



WEDDING GUIDELINES

WEDDING COORDINATOR:

If a private Wedding Consultant is retained, please copy and email this document to coordinator and have them contact Pastoral Associate at the Shrine office for liturgical specific requirements.

DONATION:

The tax-deductible Donation of \$1,000 is due at time of confirming date and time of wedding.

This **only** Includes reservation of the date, time and church.

**Weddings held on special days/holidays, please contact the Pastoral Associate for donation amount and availability.*

In the event of a cancellation, **only** \$600 will be refunded.

Stipends for clergy, and referred musicians, are separate and **not** included in the \$1,000.

Cash, Visa, MasterCard, and/or Check made payable to, *The Shrine of Our Lady of Pompeii*, are accepted.

You can also go to www.ourladyofpompeii.org to make your payment on-line.



PARKING:

Complimentary street parking is available along Lexington, Lytle, and Cabrini Streets for both the rehearsal and ceremony.

FLOWERS & CELEBRATORY ITEMS:

Floral arrangements are permissible in the Sanctuary with the exception of the following seasons:

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

During all four Liturgical seasons listed above, decorations **may not be modified or rearranged.**

In addition, flower petals, rice, birdseed, balloons, butterflies, and birds are **not** permitted. Please inform florist of these restrictions.

MUSIC:

There are basically two options for music at wedding ceremonies:

- ◆ Referrals of highly recommended musicians that have served at the Shrine.
- ◆ An approved liturgical quartet or other instrumental combination.
- ◆ Please consult with organist/pianist or instrumentalist for musical selections and related stipends.

PHOTOGRAPHY:

Welcomed photographers please consult with on-site liturgical coordinator for details.

Following wedding ceremony, a limited amount of time is allotted for indoor photos.

FAQ's

- ◆ The Shrine seats approximately 440 people.
- ◆ Restrooms in School Hall
- ◆ Please note: Aisle runners are not allowed.
- ◆ Shrine affiliation not required

**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.

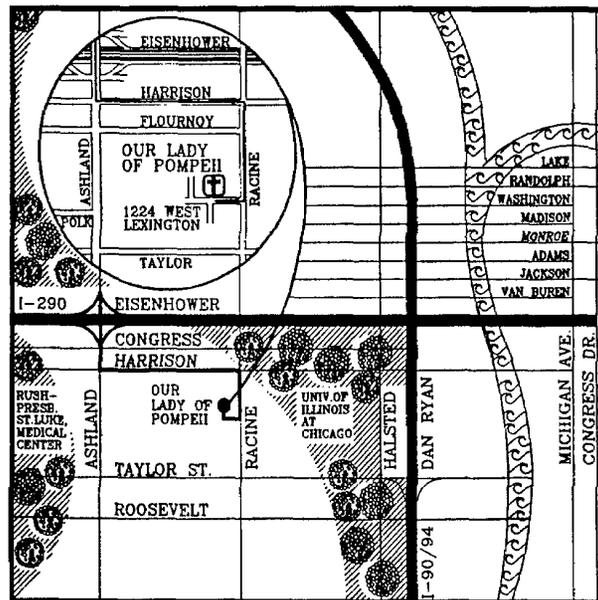
† To express the richness of the Italian culture and to foster appreciation of this rich heritage as a gift to all within our multi-cultural Archdiocese and society.

† 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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