

Additional notes:

Our policy is to not attend the wedding reception, but suggest that attending the rehearsal dinner, if asked, works better. We get a chance to see the couple, the wedding party, and the family in a more relaxed, casual setting. Additionally, we are available to answer questions during the dinner.

Our exception to this policy is the case where we are close friends. Usually the officiant(s) doesn't know anyone, and sometimes, people feel like they can't have a "good time" if the officiant is sitting at their table!

On occasion we have been asked to say the opening prayer at the reception. This usually occurs after the cocktail hour and would need to be factored into the final cost structure.

A Note of Travel Outside Area ♦♦

If travel is expected out of the area the bride and groom are expected to pay all hospitality and transportation expenses for the officiant(s). Please see chart for mileage charges for driving. This is round trip per event, and includes rehearsals.

A Note on Gratuities

Our clergy are paid nominally for how hard they work and the effort they put into each ceremony. If they have performed a wonderful service for you, a gratuity is an appropriate expression of your thanks. This can be given the day of the ceremony, directly to them, along with any remaining balance owed.



Father James St. George received the prestigious annual WeddingWire Bride's Choice Award and is featured in the Philadelphia Wedding Magazine, Spring/Summer 2012 edition.



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Creating the most unique wedding just for You

a Saint Miriam Wedding



At Saint Miriam, we offer a wide variety of ceremonies and options from which you can choose to tailor your special day to be exactly what you want. We guide you through the process of selecting from a variety of rich and meaningful rituals to create your one-of-a-kind ceremony.

Our ceremonies range from a simple ceremony to an interdenominational ceremony, to a full Catholic Mass. You can have your ceremony conducted at a location of your choice—yours or ours. Our priests and staff have years of training, experience, and skills to help you to select the options that make your special day—*special*.

The rituals and words you select enhance your ceremony, and when combined in just the way you want them, will be memorable for you, and those who are present for your wedding day. There are also opportunities to include others in your ceremony; those who mean so much to you on this special day.

We also have a seasoned wedding planner on staff so we are able to help you plan from the very simple to the most complex of wedding experiences!

A partial list of options available includes::

- Rose Ceremony
- Seven Blessings
- Hands Ceremony
- Blending of Sands
- Honoring of Children
- Ribbon Ceremony
- The Unity Candle
- Wine Sharing
- Breaking of the Glass
- The Memory Candle

At Saint Miriam, all of our finances run via what we call a 'transparency policy'; that is, every dollar given by anyone, or any expense, are open for review by our parishioners. We also apply this concept to our standard offering/stipend structure for wedding ceremonies.

In this brochure you will find a variety of options that will help you to understand our structure and enable you to decide which options are best for you. If you have a financial need that cannot be met by any of these options, please contact our pastor for guidance and accommodation. At Saint Miriam, all are welcome and no one is turned away.



Wedding Types Available	Your Location	Our Location
Simple Ceremony (non-customized)	\$400	\$350
Fully Customized Ceremony	\$495	\$425
Catholic Nuptial Mass	\$650	\$550
Priced Options Available		
Rehearsal **	\$125	\$100
Additional meetings	\$100	\$50
** Travel Expenses (within 25 miles)	No fee	No fee
** Travel Expenses (over 25 miles)	One dollar per mile	No fee
Wedding Reception "Grace" before meals.	\$50	N/A
Use of Saint Miriam Fellowship Hall	call for details, availability, & pricing.	
*Holiday Weddings (e.g. New Year's)	\$200	\$150

** Due to the rising cost of travel, we regrettably must add a \$25.00 travel rate for any wedding more than 30 miles from 19422; other rates may increase without notice. Thank you for your understanding.

The typical flow for our process includes:

- Initial meeting via email or in person/phone ("kick-the-tires" meeting!). If couple agrees to commit; then they make a deposit (non-refundable) to secure the date and time - 50% of total is requested.
- Help the couple when asked: suggesting venue, county marriage licensing procedures, ceremony program format and contents, wedding music, etc.
- Couple receives an emailed package of sample ceremonies, options, "Readings, Poetry, Prayers, etc." to help them select their core options.
- Write and email the Draft Wedding Ceremony script to the couple—this is an interactive process and continues until the ceremony is completed.
- Finalize Wedding Ceremony.
- Coordinate, as needed, any rehearsal including working with the wedding planner, site location, and/or DJ as needed.
- Arrive early for the ceremony—usually 20-30 minutes before start time.
- Arrive for the wedding rehearsal, if needed (additional amount may be required**).
- Take the wedding license into possession as soon as possible and complete required legalities for state or commonwealth.
- Prepare the space for the marriage ceremony.
- Accommodate any required marriage laws for the jurisdiction where ceremony is performed.
- Sign the marriage license, give the couple their copy, and mail the official copy to the appropriate court clerk—within 24 hours of ceremony.
- Perform the wedding!