

# *Wedding Flow Chart*

*Couples get married at St. Mary's for one of three usual reasons. From each of these reasons flows a course of action.*

## **A. St. Mary of the Assumption is already our parish**

This is where we worship on Sunday. We belong here because we have chosen to come here and the bride and/or groom is a registered member of the parish.

1. Contact the parish office to set up an appointment with Fr. Schultz for the initial meeting between the bride and groom.
2. Set a date/time for the ceremony and the rehearsal.
3. Get newly issued baptismal certificate(s) and any other necessary documentation.
4. Arrange to take a marriage preparation course.
5. Meet with the parish wedding coordinator to plan the wedding ceremony.
6. Meet with Alan Lynch, our Director of Music, to choose the music for the ceremony.
7. Obtain NYS wedding license.
8. Confirm all wedding details 2 weeks prior to the wedding date and review wedding policy.
9. Wedding rehearsal - bring the marriage license.
10. Celebrate the Sacrament of Marriage.

## **B. I belong to another parish**

Permission will need to be obtained from the bride or groom's pastor to be married at St. Mary's Church.

1. You will need to meet with your pastor to obtain written permission to be married at St. Mary's Church.
2. Contact the St. Mary's parish office to set up an appointment with Fr. Schultz for the initial meeting (bring signed letter of permission from pastor of parish you currently attend).
3. Set a date/time for the ceremony and the rehearsal. Your pastor may preside at the ceremony with Fr. Schultz's permission; however, your pastor will still need to follow St. Mary's wedding policies. The Bride and Groom will be responsible for their pastor's stipend.
4. Get newly issued baptismal certificate(s) and any other necessary documentation.
5. Arrange to take a marriage preparation course with Fr. Schultz or your own pastor – marriage preparation is required.
6. Meet with church wedding coordinator to plan the wedding ceremony.
7. Meet with Alan Lynch, our Director of Music, to choose the music for the ceremony.
8. Obtain NYS wedding license.
9. Confirm all details 2 weeks prior to the wedding date and review wedding policy.
10. Wedding rehearsal - bring marriage license.
11. Celebrate the Sacrament of Marriage

## **C. I don't have a parish yet.**

1. If you live in or near Oswego, NY and you do not yet belong to a parish, we gladly welcome you to join our parish. We will joyfully work with you both to develop your faith life and help you prepare for marriage. It is of great importance that you understand the spiritual significance of the Sacrament of Marriage within the Catholic Church and attend Mass together on a regular basis. If you are considering joining our parish family, please follow the instruction for *Section A* of this guide.
2. If you live outside of Oswego, or live outside of a reasonable travel radius, and do not yet belong to a parish, the first step would be to find a parish near to where you live to begin attending Mass together on a regular basis. You will then follow the instructions for *Section B* of this guide.