

### **C. TEMPORALITIES:**

- 1. Fees:** The fee for the Church is \$350.00 and is usually presented to the priest/deacon preparing you for marriage no later than the night of the Wedding Rehearsal. It is really better to present this at the time of the last session. Please remember that this fee is not a payment to the priest. He gets no part of this for the work he has done in this preparation process. This is given over in its entirety to the Parish.
- 2. Florist and Decorations:** Arrangements with the florist are made at the discretion of the bride and groom. We generally recommend two floral bouquets in front of the altar. No floral arrangements are placed on the altar. You might ask if there are any other functions before your wedding so the florist will come at an appropriate time. We **MUST** insist that tapes of any kind **NOT** be used on the wooden pews because they remove the finish.

**WHITE RUNNERS OF ANY KIND ARE ABSOLUTELY FORBIDDEN TO BE USED IN ANY OF THE CHURCHES OF THE DIOCESE OF PATERSON BECAUSE OF LITIGATION THROUGH SLIPPAGE! THIS IS AN INSURANCE MATTER! AGAIN NO WHITE RUNNERS!**

**NOTE:** that all seasonal decorations will remain in the Church during your Wedding celebration.

- 2. Photography/Videography:** Concerning photography/videography during the marriage liturgy, we ask you to speak with the priest/deacon concerning possible restrictions and prohibitions.

### **D. PROCEDURES:**

- 1. Time of Marriage:** Ordinarily, marriages are celebrated on weekends at the following times: on Saturday either at 1:00 PM or 3:00 PM; on Sunday 2:30 PM or 3:00 PM. A Wedding may also take place on Friday evening the time of which may be negotiated. Actually, weddings may take place on any day of the week depending on scheduling. Weddings are discouraged during the seasons of Advent and Lent. (Weddings may never take place on Ash Wednesday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday or Holy Saturday)
- 2. Witnesses:** the two witnesses (the Best Man and the Maid/Matron of Honor) to the marriage must have the ability to testify publicly to what is taking place. They should support the principles and sacredness of the Sacrament of Marriage. Because they will be signing the Civil License, a contract, they should be 18 years of age or older.
- 3. Rehearsal:** The rehearsal usually takes place the evening before the wedding or at a time that is mutually convenient for both the priest or deacon and that does not conflict with other Church services. Some couples opt to have the rehearsal two nights before to take the pressure off a wedding the following day. We can adapt to many options. It is required that you bring all documents with you so that they do not interfere with the Wedding Day. This includes