

Parish-

Approximate number of weddings/year-35

Please list the fees for nuptial Masses at your parish:

Organist with cantor/soloist-\$175

Cantor/soloist-\$175

Organist acting as cantor-\$250

Trumpeter-175

Other instrumentalists, if different-same

Do you attend the rehearsal?No

If so, what is the additional fee, if any-

Amount charged for extra rehearsal time-\$50/hour

Comments:

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Parish- St. Agnes, West Mifflin

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> Approximate number of weddings/year- 3, if we're lucky

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> Please list the fees for nuptial Masses at your parish: not sure

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> Organist that cantors - \$200

Cantor or organ only - \$100

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> Do you attend the rehearsal? If the bride or groom request it

> If so, what is the additional fee, if any- \$50

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> Amount charged for extra rehearsal time- n/a

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> Comments: if the bride or groom want a violinist, I provide them with some phone numbers and they set it up, so I am unaware of the fees.

Also, I have a contract I use with couples outlining the fees, what they can expect from me, and music choices.

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Parish- *St. Pius X*

Approximate number of weddings/year- 5-6

Please list the fees for nuptial Masses at your parish:

Organist with cantor/soloist- \$150

Cantor/soloist- up to them to negotiate.

Organist acting as cantor- included in the \$150

Trumpeter-

Other instrumentalists, if different-

Do you attend the rehearsal? no

If so, what is the additional fee, if any-

Amount charged for extra rehearsal time-

Comments: I do get a consulting fee if the couple decide to bring someone else in...this consulting is basically me approving their selections. \$75. The stipend was determined before I got there, and have been paid \$200 usually at other places.

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Parish- Saint Angela Merici -White Oak Pa

Approximate number of weddings/year- 5

Please list the fees for nuptial Masses at your parish: \$200.00 base

Organist with cantor/soloist- \$200.00 base for organist and depending on the soloist anywhere from \$75.00 - \$125.00

Cantor/soloist-

Organist acting as cantor-

Trumpeter-

Other instrumentalists, if different-

Do you attend the rehearsal? no but I do meet with the couple for about 2 hours several weeks before to cover the entire wedding ceremony

If so, what is the additional fee, if any-

Amount charged for extra rehearsal time-

My fee as organist is too low considering I meet for an hour to two hours prior to the wedding to go over the entire service with music etc. Also I play the trumpet as well as the keyboard and piano and will sing if necessary. So my fee is really short of what I would get paid if I played just trumpet for example or just sang, or just played the organ. They get a real bargain for their money....

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Parish-

Approximate number of weddings/year- 7

Please list the fees for nuptial Masses at your parish:

Organist with cantor/soloist- \$150.00

Cantor/soloist- \$100.00

Organist acting as cantor-

Trumpeter- Fee varies according to the trumpeter.

Other instrumentalists, if different-

Do you attend the rehearsal? No

If so, what is the additional fee, if any-

Amount charged for extra rehearsal time- \$50.00

Comments:

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Parish-

Approximate number of weddings/year-

Please list the fees for nuptial Masses at your parish:

Organist with cantor/soloist- \$200

Cantor/soloist- \$100

Organist acting as cantor-**always a cantor**

Trumpeter- **Trumpeter decides**

Other instrumentalists, if different- **See above**

Do you attend the rehearsal? **No**

If so, what is the additional fee, if any-

Amount charged for extra rehearsal time-

Comments:

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Parish- St. Barbara, Bridgeville

Approximate number of weddings/year- 10

Please list the fees for nuptial Masses at your parish:

Organist with cantor/soloist-150. organist..50 for cantor

Cantor/soloist-50

Organist acting as cantor-150.00

Trumpeter-50

Other instrumentalists, if different-

Do you attend the rehearsal?

If so, what is the additional fee, if any- If Organist is cantor 150.00

25.00 per any rehearsal with soloist per rehearsal

Amount charged for extra rehearsal time-

### Comments:

If the mother of the bride comes to the planning session....or the maid of honor with suggestions re: all the weddings she has been to...there is an additional fee of \$500.00

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Parish-

Approximate number of weddings/year- 15-20

Please list the fees for nuptial Masses at your parish:

Organist with cantor/soloist- \$200

Cantor/soloist- \$100 if parish cantor. If it is a family member, friend, or someone else then I'm not involved with their compensation.

Organist acting as cantor- I always have a cantor.

Trumpeter- Instrumentalists set their own rate...I just pass along contact information and let the couple contract them. Many instrumentalists base their fees on the Pittsburgh Musicians Union rates which are listed here [http://www.afmpittsburgh.com/documents/2012\\_PMU\\_PRICELIST.pdf](http://www.afmpittsburgh.com/documents/2012_PMU_PRICELIST.pdf)

Other instrumentalists, if different-

Do you attend the rehearsal? No, unless the celebrant is a guest priest.

If so, what is the additional fee, if any- none

Amount charged for extra rehearsal time- none

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Parish-

Approximate number of weddings/year-1-2

Please list the fees for nuptial Masses at your parish:

Organist with cantor/soloist-**\$150.00**

Cantor/soloist-**neg. with family**

Organist acting as cantor-**\$150.00**

Trumpeter-neg. with family

Other instrumentalists, if different-

Do you attend the rehearsal? **No**

If so, what is the additional fee, if any-

Amount charged for extra rehearsal time-**\$50.00**

Comments:

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Parish-

Approximate number of weddings/year- 15 weddings/year

Please list the fees for nuptial Masses at your parish:

Organist with cantor/soloist- \$200

Cantor/soloist- Range depending on music and cantor; also ceremony/mass may affect fee:  
\$125 - \$150

Organist acting as cantor- always have a separate cantor

Trumpeter- \$100 - \$150 depending on amount of music

Other instrumentalists, if different- harpist usually \$175

Do you attend the rehearsal? yes

If so, what is the additional fee, if any- included in base \$200 fee

Amount charged for extra rehearsal time- range varies depending on circumstances: \$100 - \$150 more

Comments: I also design an optional "liturgical" worship aid with music inserts for the wedding. It is optional for the couple to use, but I make it available to them.

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Parish- St. James, Sewickley

Approximate number of weddings/year- 15

Please list the fees for nuptial Masses at your parish:

Organist with cantor/soloist- \$325

Cantor/soloist- \$100

Organist acting as cantor- \$250

Trumpeter- \$100 - \$150

Other instrumentalists, if different-

Do you attend the rehearsal? Not usually

If so, what is the additional fee, if any- \$60

Amount charged for extra rehearsal time- \$60/hour - 1hour minimum

Comments:

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I am the music minister at St Joseph Parish in Natrona, PA. We usually have 4 or 5 weddings a year. The organist fee is \$150. If there is a soloist at the wedding, they set their own fee but it is usually \$150 also. If there is only a church cantor singing, her fee is \$50. Any additional meeting/rehearsal besides the initial consultation is \$50. I do not attend the wedding rehearsals anymore.

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Parish-

Approximate number of weddings/year- 7 - 10

Please list the fees for nuptial Masses at your parish:

Organist with cantor/soloist- \$175/each

Cantor/soloist- \$75.00

Organist acting as cantor- \$175.00

Trumpeter- left up to individual

Other instrumentalists, if different- left up to individual

Do you attend the rehearsal? No  
If so, what is the additional fee, if any-

Amount charged for extra rehearsal time- n/a

Comments: we have 2 organists that do weddings – myself and another gentleman. We decided to increase our fee to \$175.00/ea. this year. Normally he plays and I sing. If there is an outside soloist, we do not charge for rehearsal time. The price is all inclusive. As for instrumentalist, they can name their own price.

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Parish- St. Mary Parish (Aleppo)

Approximate number of weddings/year- 4-5

Please list the fees for nuptial Masses at your parish: Priest: ~'donation'; Church \$150 for registered members, \$500 for non-members (priest usually declines to do the wedding); Wedding Coord. \$100.

Organist with cantor/soloist- \$150 each.

Cantor/soloist- \$150.

Organist acting as cantor- N/A

Trumpeter- \$150 - \$175

Other instrumentalists, if different- \$150 - \$175.

Do you attend the rehearsal? Not usually.

If so, what is the additional fee, if any- \$25 extra for rehearsal.

Amount charged for extra rehearsal time- \$25 add. for each rehearsal.

Comments: Initial meeting with wedding couple is N/C unless the mother-in-law is involved in the selection of music (lol). If they wish to bring in a 'guest' organist, I reserve the right to charge my normal fee - dependent upon circumstances.

Keep-on-playing,

Dick Gruber, Director of Music Ministries

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Parish-

Approximate number of weddings/year- 18-20

Please list the fees for nuptial Masses at your parish:

Organist with cantor/soloist- \$335.00

Cantor/soloist- \$135.00

Organist acting as cantor- outside of mass: \$200.00, within mass: \$225.00

Trumpeter- \$125.00 - \$200.00

Other instrumentalists, if different-

Do you attend the rehearsal? No

If so, what is the additional fee, if any-

Amount charged for extra rehearsal time- \$25.00 / half hour

Comments:

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Parish-Holy Trinity, Robinson Twp.

Approximate number of weddings/year-15

Please list the fees for nuptial Masses at your parish:

Organist with cantor/soloist-\$175

Cantor/soloist-\$100

Organist acting as cantor-\$225

Trumpeter-\$125

Other instrumentalists, if different-All additional instrumentalists were typically \$125

Do you attend the rehearsal? NO

If so, what is the additional fee, if any-N/A

Amount charged for extra rehearsal time- One hour-long rehearsal is permitted in my fee.  
\$50 per hour after the first for additional rehearsal.

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Parish- St. Valentine Church, Bethel Park



Approximate number of weddings/year- 10 Weddings

Please list the fees for nuptial Masses at your parish:

Organist with cantor/soloist- \$175.00

Cantor/soloist- \$75.00

Organist acting as cantor- \$175.00 (This will soon change, even though it does not happen often.)

Trumpeter- Fees are negotiated with the instrumentalist. We do not have an in-house trumpet player for weddings. I charge a \$25.00 fee for contacting the instrumentalist and rehearsing with them.

Other instrumentalists, if different-

Do you attend the rehearsal? No

If so, what is the additional fee, if any- \$25.00

Amount charged for extra rehearsal time- \$25.00

Comments:

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Parish-Saint Mark Parish

Approximate number of weddings/year- 10-12

Please list the fees for nuptial Masses at your parish: Priest \$150.00/ Music Director \$150.00/Wedding Coordinator \$125.00 /Servers \$10.00 each

Soloists/ Cantors retained separately.

Organist with cantor/soloist-(Music Director)

Cantor/soloist- Varies from soloist to soloist (\$50.00- \$75.00)

Organist acting as cantor- Will NOT do this for Weddings

Trumpeter-N/A

Other instrumentalists, if different- Retained separately ,usually \$50.00 - \$75.00

Do you attend the rehearsal? NO!

If so, what is the additional fee, if any-

Amount charged for extra rehearsal time- \$25.00 / per hour

Comments: If the couple chooses to have a Visiting Priest or Visiting Organist, there is an additional Church Stipend of \$150.00. This stipend goes to the

Parish(if a Priest) -or the Music Ministry Program (if the Organist).

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Parish-

Approximate number of weddings/year-8

Please list the fees for nuptial Masses at your parish:

Organist with cantor/soloist- \$250

Cantor/soloist-\$50-\$100

Organist acting as cantor-\$250 (same)

Trumpeter-trumpeter sets fee

Other instrumentalists, if different-they set their own fees

Do you attend the rehearsal? no, unless there is an unfamiliar soloist or if requested  
If so, what is the additional fee, if any-

Amount charged for extra rehearsal time-\$75/hour

Comments:

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Parish-

Approximate number of weddings/year- 5 - 8

Please list the fees for nuptial Masses at your parish:

Organist with cantor/soloist- organist --- \$125.00 for parishioners \$200.00 for non-parishioners.

Cantor/soloist- \$50.00

Organist acting as cantor- \$175.00

Trumpeter-

Other instrumentalists, if different-

Do you attend the rehearsal? No

If so, what is the additional fee, if any- if I was asked to attend the rehearsal I would charge \$25.00 extra.

Amount charged for extra rehearsal time-\$25.00

Comments:

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Approx. no. weddings/yr: 55

Organist fee: \$175

Cantor fee: \$75

Organist acting as cantor: both \$175 and \$75 combined (\$250)

Trumpeter: depends on who I get! \$150-200

Other instrumentalists:

Depends on their rate! Avg. \$150

Do you attend the rehearsal? No

Amount charged for rehearsal time: \$50/hr with guest musicians

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St. Peter Parish - Northside

Average 12 weddings per year

Organist fee is \$150.00 per Mass or Service

Organist does not attend wedding rehearsal

No extra fees permitted

We're just beginning the process of "building" an instrumental ensemble - however, currently we don't have "in-house" trumpeters, flutists, etc. If the wedding couple has instrumentalists involved in their music - they contract with them separately. At the present time, the organist does not charge for extra rehearsal sessions.

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Approximately 6 or 7 a year on average. Organist with cantor:\$150, Parish cantor: \$100, Organist as cantor or with soloist from outside parish(one hour rehearsal included): \$200. Do not attend the rehearsal. Extra one hour rehearsal:\$50

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Parish- St. Catherine of Sweden

Approximate number of weddings/year- 20-25

Please list the fees for nuptial Masses at your parish:

Organist with cantor/soloist- \$150.00

Cantor/soloist- \$100.00

Organist acting as cantor- always have a Cantor

Trumpeter- \$125.00

Other instrumentalists, if different

Do you attend the rehearsal? No  
If so, what is the additional fee, if any- N/A

Amount charged for extra rehearsal time- none

Comments:

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Parish- St. Mary of Czestochowa, New Kensington (Diocese of Greensburg)

Approximate number of weddings/year- 2 - 6

Please list the fees for nuptial Masses at your parish:

Organist with cantor/soloist- \$125

Cantor/soloist- independently negotiated

Organist acting as cantor- n/a (wedding schola)

Trumpeter-independently negotiated

Other instrumentalists, if different-

Do you attend the rehearsal? If my schedule permits. Sometimes I have to unlock or lock the church.

If so, what is the additional fee, if any- none

Amount charged for extra rehearsal time- \$25 each

Comments:

I also charge \$25 to create an optional camera-ready programme (or worship aid), which I insist on proofreading/approving anyway.

I ask a \$25 donation to the parish for the wedding schola.

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1. St Norbert Church
  2. 7- 10 weddings per year
  - 3 \$200.00 as organist acting as cantor
  4. Outside instrumentalists and/or cantors charge what they want
  5. Do not attend rehearsal
  - 6 Meet for 1- 2 hrs. with each couple at some time prior to wedding to choose music and act as wedding consultant. Makes Fr.'s rehearsal smoother.
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Parish-

Approximate number of weddings/year- 7 year average is 12 a year

Please list the fees for nuptial Masses at your parish:don't know church fees

Organist with cantor/soloist-organist fee only for past 3-4 years \$150

Cantor/soloist-church cantor \$85 or \$100

Organist acting as cantor-does not happen

Trumpeter-fee set by wedding couple and musician

Other instrumentalists, if different-same as above

Do you attend the rehearsal?no

If so, what is the additional fee, if any-

Amount charged for extra rehearsal time-zero

Comments:

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At St. Gregory Zelenople:

We currently average about 10 weddings a year.

Organist receives \$200...that includes one consult, rehearsal and the wedding.

Cantor receives \$75

Every additional rehearsal for meeting with instrumentalists, outside cantors, and extra consults, \$50 per extra.....

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Approximate number of weddings/year- 4

Please list the fees for nuptial Masses at your parish:

Organist with cantor/soloist- 100.00

Cantor/soloist- 100.00

Organist acting as cantor- 100.00

Trumpeter- 100.00

Other instrumentalists, if different- 300.00 harp 150.00 violin 100.00 flute

Do you attend the rehearsal? Yes, but just for the beginning to make sure everything is OK.  
Then I leave and let the coordinators take over.

If so, what is the additional fee, if any- None

Amount charged for extra rehearsal time- None

Comments: I was only getting 75.00 in 2012. Asked my **new** pastor if I could up it to 100.00

He gave the Ok.

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Parish-

Approximate number of weddings/year- 6 (we're an older congregation)

Please list the fees for nuptial Masses at your parish:

Organist with cantor/soloist- 100.00

Cantor/soloist- 75.00

Organist acting as cantor- doesn't happen in our church

Trumpeter- set their own prices

Other instrumentalists, if different- 75.00 or 100

Do you attend the rehearsal? No

If so, what is the additional fee, if any- 50.00 for church to provide worship aid

Amount charged for extra rehearsal time- 25.00

Comments: Good Luck!

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Weddings per year - 0 -2.

Fees - The last wedding I played for I let the Bride set the price. We met after many Masses as she and her groom worked in Wash. DC. She was generous and gave me \$200.

\$100. \$25 for Cantor/Soloist

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I attended the rehearsal as the couple was from DC.

No additional fee. As I stated before, she was generous and gracious to me and the soloist.

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Parish-Approximate number of weddings/year: **Saint Sebastian: 35-40**

-Please list the fees for nuptial Masses at your parish: **couple pays \$125.00 for the Church**

Organist with cantor: **\$150.00**

soloist-Cantor: **\$75 for Rite, \$100 for Nuptial Mass**

soloist- Organist acting as cantor: **\$150.00 (if Mass or just Rite)**

Trumpeter: **\$150.00 - \$175.00**(only use professional caliber players :)

Other instrumentalists: **\$125.00 or \$150.00 per person if a sting trio or quartet**

Do you attend the rehearsal: **no**

Amount charged for extra rehearsal time: **\$25.00 per session, rehearsal with guest soloist or instrumentalist if necessary**

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Parish-

Approximate number of weddings/year- 20

Please list the fees for nuptial Masses at your parish:

Organist with cantor/soloist-\$200.00

Cantor/soloist-\$125.00

Organist acting as cantor-N/A

Trumpeter-\$150.00

Other instrumentalists, if different-\$275 - \$350 - Harp

Do you attend the rehearsal? NO

If so, what is the additional fee, if any-

Amount charged for extra rehearsal time- Do not charge, 3 rehearsals are included in my fee as well as the meeting time spent with bride and groom to plan the Liturgy.

Comments: I intend to up the Stipends this July.

**Organist - \$250.00**  
**Cantors/Soloist - 150.00**  
**Instrumentalists - \$200.00**

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We have anywhere from 0 to 3 weddings a year. Organist and cantor fee is \$125.00 each. If the couple want another instrumentalist such as a trumpeter, they should negotiate the fee with the instrumentalist. The same goes if they want a singer other than the parish cantors. (I'm not a cantor.) I do not play rehearsals but I do meet with the couple so they can listen to music and choose what they want.

Lou Florian

St. Hilary, Washington, Pa.

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Weddings at St. Catherine of Siena, Beechview:

There are about 8 weddings per year.

Organist Fee is \$175.00

I am the cantor as well, no extra fee. If however, you want a cantor, we have one, and her fee is \$50.00.

I do not go to rehearsal due to the Pastor's request - he likes to verbally give instruction at this point. I would prefer to go.

If there are outside cantors/singers, I first ask if they are currently cantors in a catholic parish. I don't charge another fee if

they are as I was happy at the \$150. mark. If they aren't and I need to get music and have one or two sessions with them, then I will ask another \$25.00.

I have not had a request for additional musicians, such as brass, so I have nothing set up at present. We do have the occasional bagpiper, and there is no extra fee to work with them.

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Parish- Saints Peter and Paul, Beaver, PA

Approximate number of weddings/year-: 5-10

Please list the fees for nuptial Masses at your parish:

Organist with cantor/soloist-Base fee \$150.00 if the SSPP cantor ministry is used

Cantor/soloist-\$100.00

Organist acting as cantor

Trumpeter-\$75.-\$100

Other instrumentalists, if different-

Do you attend the rehearsal? No

If so, what is the additional fee, if any-

Amount charged for extra rehearsal time-If a guest cantor is used and additional rehearsal time is needed we add \$25-\$50.

Comments: Thank you

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Parish- Sacred Heart

Approximate number of weddings/year- 30-40

Please list the fees for nuptial Masses at your parish:

Organist with cantor/soloist- \$225

Cantor/soloist- \$150

Organist acting as cantor- does not apply, we always have a professional cantor

Trumpeter- \$150-\$225 depending which trumpeter

Other instrumentalists, if different- we have often String Quartet and/or Brass Quartet

Do you attend the rehearsal? no, but if there is a Brass Quartet, i have a seperate rehearsal with them and charge couple \$75

If so, what is the additional fee, if any-

Amount charged for extra rehearsal time- \$75/hour

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**Parish: Holy Sepulcher, Butler, PA**

**Approximate number of weddings / year: 10-14**

**Please list the fees for nuptial Masses at your parish: Unknown**

**Organist with cantor / soloist: \$150.00 for organist / \$75.00 for cantor/soloist**



**Cantor / soloist: \$75.00**

**Organist acting as cantor: N/A**

**Trumpeter:**

**Other instrumentalists, if different:**

**Do you attend the rehearsal? No**

**If so, what is the additional fee, if any: N/A**

**Amount charged for extra rehearsal time:**

**Comments: Usually instrumentalists are friends of the couple.**

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Parish- Ss. John and Paul

Approximate number of weddings/year- about 30

Please list the fees for nuptial Masses at your parish:

Organist with cantor/soloist- If it is our cantor, I don't charge extra -- \$150.00, will probably go up to \$175.00 (see below)

Cantor/soloist- our cantor gets \$75.00

Organist acting as cantor- (never do this)

Trumpeter- has their own fee with their contract

Other instrumentalists, if different- I work with them, but they set their fees with the wedding couple

Do you attend the rehearsal? No

If so, what is the additional fee, if any-

Amount charged for extra rehearsal time- if it is a visiting cantor, \$25.00 per hour for me – they pay the cantor what they ask – I just work with them.

Comments: There are always exceptions that happen, such as a visiting cantor who needs to be “trained” – who is not Catholic – I try to work with them all, but I charge extra.

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Parish - **Good Shepherd, Braddock**

Approximate number of weddings/year - **4-6**

Please list the fees for nuptial Masses at your parish:

Organist with cantor/soloist- **\$200.00**

Cantor/soloist - **\$100.00**

Organist acting as cantor - **\$200.00**

Trumpeter - **Set by the instrumentalist**

Do you attend the rehearsal? - **No**

If so, what is the additional fee, if any -

Amount charged for extra rehearsal time - **\$50.00 per rehearsal**

Comments: **Stopped allowing outside cantors/soloists two years ago. Far too many horrible experiences.**

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Cathedral's base fee is \$150 to show up. If there's a guest musician there is a rehearsal fee of \$100 for every rehearsal. We've been paying \$175 for a trumpet player (or other instrumentalist). I've agreed to raise that for next year since all of them tell me our fee is pathetic. Our cantors receive \$125 (there's no rehearsal).

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Parish- St. Philip

Approximate number of weddings/year- 18 weddings 2012 (not sure annually, just started there Oct 2011)

Please list the fees for nuptial Masses at your parish:

Organist with cantor/soloist- 150

Cantor/soloist- 75-100

Organist acting as cantor- 150

Trumpeter- depends on their fee

Other instrumentalists, if different- String Quartet 525-575

Do you attend the rehearsal? No

If so, what is the additional fee, if any- I think 75 for the person in charge.

Amount charged for extra rehearsal time- 50/hour

Comments:

Bench Fee for another organist to play is 150.

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