

Wedding Procedures and Links For Our Lady of the Seas Catholic Church

First, thank you for considering our beautiful church for your wedding. Go through the list below it has a lot of information as well as links to our local vendors and just in case you may have some questions just e-mail me or Fr Fred.

I am giving you a lot of the links I think you'll need, if for some reason you misplaced this e-mail just go to our web site www.ourladyoftheseas.org and you can find all the links there. Here is the direct link to all the links below, <http://ourladyoftheseas.org> our home page. You will have some questions about our church or hall on the availability, contact me to be sure it is open. The best way is by e-mail, because I am in the office once or twice a week and E-mails I check everyday from home. Please remember in the subject line to place the words, 'Wedding and the date that you picked'

Now as far as your wedding, these are the things that you must do:

Since both of you do not live here, the usual procedure is for you to contact a priest/pastor in your parish, at least 6 months before the wedding, and:

1. Fill out initial Marriage Record Form, also called Premarital Investigation - about 20 questions, family names, birth dates, sacramental records, freedom to marry intentions....this is taken care of at your home parish. The wedding file is then sent here usually by way of the Raleigh Diocese. Sometimes due to time constraints, it may be necessary to send this File directly to here. Usually your priest at the home parish gives you a Planning Booklet for the wedding liturgy.
2. Arrange Engagement Classes, attend together. "Engaged Encounter Weekend " is the best program. The priest may also give you the "A Focus or Premarital Profile" (facilitating open couple communication and study)..and discuss it with you.
3. Fr Fred can marry you but please ask for a letter from the local pastor that gives you permission to marry here, usual courtesy. Or if you bring a priest they must submit to our Diocese of Raleigh, "A Priest in Good Standing"
4. Go to Manteo, NC, 1 hour north of us and get your marriage license.
5. After I confirm the date is open, the church will hold this date on the master calendar only if we receive half of the fee \$750, with the sign agreement to use our church. Rental to use our church is \$1500.00. The final payment is to be made 3 months before the wedding. If you are interested in having the reception right there at the site, our Hall is available also for smaller gatherings, the maximum is 130 people comfortably. No linens, you would need to rent them and we only have 5 round tables should you prefer them. We do have rectangular tables and I believe there are a total of 12 and plenty of chairs, the chairs are in the photos of a wedding in our hall. <http://www.picturetrail.com/sfx/album/view/15595667>

6. The rental of our Hall should you be interested is \$600.00, \$250.00 is the deposit (\$100 for cleaning and \$150 for damage) and liability insurance, paid separate to Gallagher's. The \$250 you'll get back after I do the inspection to make sure it has been cleaned and no damage. So total out of pocket after the deposit has been returned for the hall is \$725.00.

7. Rentals for the homes here on Hatteras are Saturday to Saturday or Sunday to Sunday, check out is usually by 10:00 am and check in is afternoon, around 3:00 PM. That is why we suggest weekday for weddings, it is much easier on the visitors/guest and YOU getting ready for the big event. I suggest you go to the Spa Koru before your wedding, a little pampering is all good... www.spakoru.com While there check out their links page.

8. Fr Fred is our pastor and I am going to give you his phone number at the rectory should you like to make an appointment to meet with him. 252-995-6613. His e-mail address is fredsmuda@gmail.com be sure to place Wedding and the date (after we confirm it is open) in the subject line. Fr Fred can help you should you have any questions about the ceremony.

9. Okay now here it is everything I have at the moment to get you started on the arrangements.

A. ~ Parish musicians Amelia Minter (252)489-5733 who is absolutely wonderful on the keyboard & Dave Greider (252) 995-3770 who is part of our music ministry can sing. Dave and Amelia also attend your wedding rehearsal whenever possible for no additional fee. This allows you and the wedding party a chance to rehearse processing and recessing to your music. For more information, please call Amelia & Dave.

B. ~Should you wish live music like a violin please go to the web site below and click on <http://www.jessietaylormusic.info/> Jessie is a local who works at the Inn on Pamlico Sound with her husband. Another web site for musicians and do book them NOW should you find someone you may want there. <http://www.outerbanksweddingassoc.org/> click on Musicians.

C. ~Another contact and link for musicians is Leslie Erickson contact 252.216.5826

Or her web site www.clubviolin.com

Owner & Violinist

Club Violin

PO Box 1112

Nags Head, NC 27959

10. Just in case you need any info for local stuff, there are some great sites available for weddings, just click on any of the links below....

- A. ~Locally in Buxton, if you are looking for an Inn that has a wonderful and peaceful atmosphere is Hatteras Island Bed & Breakfast located on 'Old Lighthouse Road' right in the hub of Buxton, walking distance for a variety of food choices. This link will take you to a review on her place.
http://www.tripadvisor.com/Hotel_Review-g48993-d80402-Reviews-Cape_Hatteras_Bed_and_Breakfast-Buxton_Hatteras_Island_Outer_Banks_North_Carolina.html
There more links to motels, hotel and camp grounds at this link too.
- B. ~Steve, owner of the Inn on the Pamlico Sound, is great to work with. You may find this one interesting as well. A different atmosphere than the one above but it too has its charm, just check out the site...
<http://www.innonpamlicosound.com/>
- C. ~ Another Bed & Breakfast that may rent on a Friday, located in the southern end of Hatteras Village off Highway 12 is the Sea Worthy Gallery. You can reach them at this site <http://www.seaworthygallery.com/CondoRentals.html>
- D. ~Now if you want peace of mind and want the atmosphere of a quiet quaint village than you may be interested in Ocracoke. If so check out this link
<http://www.outerbanksweddingassoc.org/>
- E. ~Our Local on-line newspaper which has a section on weddings here...
<http://www.islandfreepress.org/CatWeddingInfoPage.html>
- F. ~A local guy that is used a lot is for photos, Daniel Pullen Photography. The link <http://www.danielpullenphotography.com> or 252-995-9908 also service@danielpullenphotography.com
- G. ~Caroline Jarvis another local photographer .
<http://www.carolinejarvisblog.com>
- H. ~An awesome couple who plays at receptions. They were in the "Nights in Rodanthe" movie <http://www.coyotemusic.net/>

11. There are a **few caterers locally** should you be interested.

- A. ~The chef on the island that can only be reached by phone is **Chef Megan Vayette**. She to will do small intimate gatherings up to 40 people and can be reach by phone **252-216-7176**.
- B. ~Also <http://www.hatterassol.com> **Chef Chris & Chrissy** are awesome. We had our volunteer dinner catered by them and it was fantastic. They can be reached by phone as well **252-986-1414**. You can also find their menu at the web site and read the followers on FaceBook Hatteras Sol Waterside Grill
- C. ~Another local girl who makes awesome cakes is baker **Donna Tokazowski. Owner of Cake Hatteras**. She can be reached by phone 252-216-6025 or donnatokazowski@yahoo.com Donna also is on Facebook, look for Cake Hatteras to see her work.
- D. ~Again the Inn right down the street from the church, the owner there is Steve, talk with him. <http://www.innonpamlicosound.com/>
- E. ~For something different and is used often in a beach theme wedding is a good old fashion 'pig roast' or BBQ style reception, which we have often. There are 2 men to go to for this and each has their own secret special BBQ Sauce.
 - a. **BBQ by Crazy Johnny's** This is "Crazy Johnny" Johnny Connor's son who has an awesome set up with a trailer and on the trailer is a huge grill, cutting board everything he needs to cook your dinner and I must mention a fabulous BBQ sauce. He offers full service catering. John now has 3 different grills. You can reach him at John at **252-996-0711** or e-mail him at crazyjohnnysbbq@gmail.com.
 - b. **GIT'R DUN GRILL by Steve Groves** Steve Groves and he can be reached by his cell phone number **304-575-6252**
- F. ~Up the beach there are a few up in Nags Head. There are 2 that have come down quite often to our hall and the island for catering:
 Black Pelican at 252-261-3171 <http://www.blackpelicancatering.com/>
 Kelly's Restaurant at 252-441-4116 <http://www.kellysrestaurant.com/>

12. We recommend **2 florist:**

- A. ~ **Sun Flowers** at 252-986-1239 (office) 252-473-0830 (cell)
owner Sydnee Roberts
<http://islandfreepress.org/Pam/Sunflowers.html>
- B. ~ **Floral Creations** at 252-995-5486
<http://FloralCreationsOBX.com>

13. For Tents, Chairs, Tables, dishes, utensils, table cloths or anything else you may need

A. ~Ocean Atlantic Rentals located in Avon, ask for Chad

<http://www.oceanatlanticrentals.com/home.php>

B. ~Metro Rentals located in Kitty Hawk-Nags Head

<http://www.metrorentalobx.com/contact.cfm>

14. ~There are 5 homes that I know of that are called "EVENT HOMES" used just for your occasion wedding/parties. They have pools, hot tubs, many bedrooms, (I think 8 total), and I believe in at least one of them an elevator. So if you may be interested in checking them out just click on the direct link below or if you have trouble using the links, go to the Hatteras Realty web site and click on alphabetically or numerically, place the name and number of the home that you see on the link below in the search bar and that should take you to them.

[The Love Boat 275 - Sound front Frisco Hatteras Realty](#)

[Croatan Ridge 421- Buxton Soundfront Hatteras Realty](#)

For Surf or Sound Realty

<http://obxguides.com/realestate/surforsoundltd/surforsoundrealty.htm>

please do the same as far as instructions, if you should have trouble getting to the direct links I have listed below.

Splash Landing # 654 in Hatteras Landing

<http://obxguides.com/realestate/surforsoundltd/surforsoundrealty.htm>

Island Time Paradise # 649 in Buxton

<http://obxguides.com/realestate/surforsoundltd/surforsoundrealty.htm>

Nautilus # 653 in Hatteras

<http://obxguides.com/realestate/surforsoundltd/surforsoundrealty.htm>

15. Just in case you want to check out

A. Hatteras/ Ocracoke for weddings

<http://islandfreepress.org/CatWeddingPage.html>

B. To check out OBX

<http://www.outerbanks.org/>

16. Rental Companies

<http://www.surforsoundsales.com/index.html>

<http://www.outerbeaches.com/SplashHatteras>

http://www.kinnakeetshoresresort.com/mls_search.htm

<http://www.midgettrealty.com/>

<http://www.hatterasrealty.com/>

<http://www.sunrealtync.com/>

17. Destination wedding basics: 12 must-read destination wedding tips
<http://islandfreepress.org/2009Archives/05.05.2009-DestinationWeddingBasics.html>

18. For Some Extra Fun, if you have time:

A. Real Watersports
866-732-5548
www.realwatersports.com

B. Ty Luckett ~ Kite Hatteras
252-305-5290
kitehatteras@earthlink.net
<http://www.kitehatteras.net/>

19. Some helpful links about the Outer Banks.

<http://www.ncdot.org/transit/ferry/>

<http://www.ocracoke-nc.com>

<http://www.outer-banks.com>

<http://www.co.dare.nc.us/EmgyMgmt/index.htm>

<http://www.nps.gov/caha>

20. *Bridal Services ~ Packages*
Spa KORU 252-995-3125
weddings@spakoru.com
www.spakoru.com