

# MUSICIAN POLICY FOR WEDDINGS AND FUNERALS

## Sacred Heart Parish

North Quincy, Massachusetts

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**1. As of January 1, 2002, we require the use of our own parish cantors, or a *regularly scheduled* cantor from our sub-cluster parish of St. Ann (Wollaston).**

Why? The role of the singer, first and foremost, is “cantor” (one who leads and enables the community’s song) and not “soloist.” Music during liturgy is used to give glory to God, not ourselves. Liturgical music is not performance, and must foster prayer. Recent past, unpleasant experiences with outside singers have detracted from the prayer of the community. Our musicians have been trained to ensure a prayerful setting in which the priest can lead others in prayer. Our cantors can handle the unexpected during liturgy. Also, they are familiar with the parish’s instruments, sound system and acoustics, so important for proper leadership. From our experience, outside singers generally are not familiar with the liturgy in which they are to serve. This has led to some awkward and embarrassing moments for both outside singers and the assembly.

**2. If a guest singer is requested, he/she may sing during the preparation of the gifts, and possibly a prelude before the liturgy begins.** Even in these cases, music selections must adhere to our parish music guidelines.

**2. Musicians for weddings are not provided by the parish directly. It is the responsibility of the marrying couple to contact the musicians.** Parish musicians for funerals are scheduled by the parish.

**3. Our liturgy requires the use of both organist and cantor.** The use of trumpet or other instrumentalists is optional.

**4. In all cases, you must consult with the parish music director to finalize the music selections for the liturgy.**

**5. For weddings:**

- Current wedding fees for 2009 are \$150 per musician.
- Checks for wedding musicians should be made **payable to each musician directly and mailed ONE MONTH prior to the wedding date.**

Below are phone numbers and addresses for your convenience:

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*Trumpet*

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