ALL SAINTS ANGLICAN CHURCH



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Our Policy on Marriage

Marriage, or rather Holy Matrimony, is a sacrament of the Church and therefore the Church's Clergy only administer it to members of Christ's Holy Catholic Church who are known to them. In practice, this means someone must be a member of All Saints Church in order to be married here.

Should a couple join the parish, a minimum of six months must pass before marriage in the church may be contemplated. This timeframe does not include the necessary pre-marital counseling sessions.

The Clergy of this place are bound to certain Church Law regarding the administration of Holy Matrimony. The two most important to know are:

- 1.) Both parties must be baptized, and
- 2.) No Minister, knowingly after due inquiry, shall solemnize the marriage of any person who has been or is the husband or wife of any other person then living whose marriage has been annulled or dissolved in any way by the civil court for any cause arising after marriage. (Canon 34, Sec. 2)

Regarding the 2nd item above, if you have been previously married, this does not mean you are automatically disqualified from being married in the church. Provision is made in church law for a review of your circumstances. Please feel free to contact the Rector to discuss the situation.

We take marriage very seriously here at All Saints for we hold it to be a lifelong union between a man and a woman as written in God's Word. Whenever contemplating marriage, contact the Rector before making any decisions. He can guide you through the process to help ensure that the union you make with one another is never put asunder.