



A Wedding Guide

The Brookline Chapel is available for Weddings and other celebrations & events such as Baptisms, Concerts, Recitals and Art Expos.

To rent the Chapel, please contact Sharon Sturtevant Brookline Town Hall, 1 Main Street Phone: 603-673-8855 ext. 214 E-mail: ssturtevant@brookline.nh.us





Welcome to Brookline, New Hampshire!

We are pleased to provide you with some information that we hope will help you to make your Special Day a very happy and memorable one.

- Getting Married in New Hampshire will explain all the necessary steps to ensure everything will go smoothly,
- *About The Chapel* will let you discover one of Brookline's treasures that is available to all for various ceremonies and events, especially weddings,
- *Illustrations* will let you discover what a gem the Brookline Chapel is, inside as well as outside,
- *Contact Us* will show you how to get to the Brookline Chapel from the Town Hall and will provide contact and rental information,



Brookline counts many treasures including the Nissitissit Covered Bridge.

In 2006 the Cosmopolitan Magazine put the bridge on a list of the sexiest spots in the country and labeled it New Hampshire's

"Loveliest Kissing Bridge"



The bridge is a popular location for newlyweds to have their pictures taken.



Getting Married In New Hampshire

Getting married in New Hampshire is a simple process. You will need to obtain a marriage license and have a ceremony performed by an approved officiant. You do not need to be a New Hampshire resident to married here, there is no waiting period to receive a license and you do not need witnesses to your marriage. <a href="Mayort Mayort Ma

Obtaining a Marriage License:

All persons wishing to be married in New Hampshire must complete a Marriage License application with any NH City or Town Clerk regardless of their place of residence. This includes out-of-state residents. Once the marriage license is issued, the couple is free to marry within any city or town in the State of New Hampshire. Both individuals must be present to obtain the license and both must bring the following relevant identification and documents:

- ⇒ Proof of age (example driver's license, passport, certified birth certificate)
- ⇒ Photo identification (example driver's license or passport)
- ⇒ Certified copy of a death certificate of a former spouse, if either applicant is widowed
- ⇒ Certified copy of a final divorce decree, if either applicant is divorced
- ⇒ Certified copy of a civil annulment decree, if the applicant's previous marriage was annulled (This is a court document).

New Hampshire marriage licenses are valid <u>for 90 days from the date of filing.</u> After the ceremony, your officiant must complete the license and return it to the town of applicancy, after which you may obtain a copy of the marriage certificate by visiting the town clerk or city hall.

Who Can Perform a Wedding Ceremony in New Hampshire?

- ⇒ A Justice of the Peace commissioned in the State of New Hampshire
- ⇒ Any Minister of the gospel in New Hampshire who has been ordained according to the usage of his or her denomination
- ⇒ Any member of the clergy who is not ordained but is engaged in the service of the religious body to which he or she belongs, resides in New Hampshire
- ⇒ Any Minister who resides outside of New Hampshire, but has a pastoral charge wholly or partly in New Hampshire, if the marriage is performed within his parish, after applying for a special license with the Secretary of State.
- ⇒ An individual who resides outside of New Hampshire, who is authorized or licensed by law in their state of residence to perform marriages.
- \Rightarrow Judges of the United States or by United States magistrate judges.

What is the Process for Same Sex Marriages in New Hampshire?

The process for same sex marriages in New Hampshire is exactly the same as outlined above. No additional requirements or steps are required.

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For complete details on who may perform a ceremony in New Hampshire, please visit the Secretary of State website http://www.sos.nh.gov/marriage.htm

About The Chapel

The Brookline Chapel, formerly the Infant Jesus of Prague Catholic

Church, was dedicated in 1943 and was purchase by the Town of Brookline in 2008 after the Archdiocese of Manchester, New Hampshire made the decision to sell the property.

This beautiful example of Roman architecture is now used for civil and religious ceremonies and is a non-denominational facility.

With an amazing acoustic, the Brookline Chapel is used for many wedding ceremonies and is also the perfect location for music recitals, Church was dedicated in 1943. choirs performances and art exhibits.



The Former Infant Jesus of Prague

An organ is located near the Altar is available for use. Should an organ player be needed, we can be of assistance. The large balcony located in the back provides the perfect location for choirs or ensembles to perform during ceremonies.



The Chapel can seat up to 160 guests and an ample parking area is conveniently available.

Brusch Hall, located behind the Chapel, is fully equipped with bathrooms, complete kitchen, sofas, chairs and tables. It is available for you to "get ready" for the Big Moment.

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Conveniently Located, Conveniently Accessible

Two major state highways pass through Brookline: north/south Route 13 and east Route 130 which provide rapid access to main travel corridors US Route 3 and Interstate 93.



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The cost is \$275 to rent the Brookline Chapel, plus a \$50 cleaning deposit (call Sharon Sturtevant for details). If an event is scheduled during the weekend a key needs to be picked up at the Town Hall before 2:00 pm on Friday and returned the following Monday.