

St. Agnes Church Wedding Guidelines

Floral and Decoration Guidelines

Due to the historic significance of St. Agnes Church and the religious import of the wedding liturgy, it is extremely important that all church furnishings be respected. These guidelines will assist you in knowing what is permitted in our church. **Couples are responsible for communicating these guidelines to their florists and returning this signed form to the Wedding Coordinator.**

- Florists may set up no more than **one hour** before the scheduled ceremony.
- Any seasonal decorations placed by St. Agnes Church must be left in place.
- Floral arrangements are ordinarily allowed only on the main altar, side credence tables, and side altars. Under no circumstances are flowers to be placed directly on the altar table. Columns are available for use in the Church. We request that arrangements placed on the high altar be left for our weekend Masses. In the tradition of our Church, Lent is a solemn season of prayer and fasting in remembrance of the Passion of Christ. All floral arrangements must be removed. Due to the Solemnity of Lent, altar flower arrangements will be limited in size and color.
- Floral arrangements are to be brought to the church already assembled. The florist is not to use the altar, sanctuary or vestibule to make arrangements.
- Floral arrangements may be attached to the end of pews or to the pulpit using **ribbons only**. No staples, wire, clamps or tape may be used to attach anything to the pews or to any other church furnishings. Pews and aisles are not to be blocked or cordoned off in any way.
- Rice, confetti, bubbles, seeds, petals, etc. are not allowed inside or outside the church.
- Aisle runners are not allowed.
- It is the responsibility of the florist and/or wedding party to remove any decorations attached to the pews immediately after the ceremony along with flower boxes and other refuse.
- Unity Candles are permitted. St. Agnes Church does have a Unity Candle holder but you may use your own unity candle holder if you have one. Other candles or candelabra (with drip-proof globes) are permitted only if **pre-approved**.

By signing below, florists agree to remain on premises for the duration of the wedding so that candelabra and flowers can be removed immediately after the wedding. Furthermore, they agree to pay any costs incurred by the church either for professional clean up of wax spills or for overnight storage of materials not removed within 15 minutes after the wedding.

We agree to follow all decorating guidelines as stated above.

Bride: _____ **Date:** _____

Groom: _____ **Date:** _____

Florist: _____ **Date:** _____