



St. Paul Cathedral
 108 N. Dithridge Street
 Pittsburgh, PA 15213-2608

Bridal couple shall return this form signed, to the Cathedral, at least two weeks before the wedding.

Guidelines for Photographers and Videographers for Weddings

We have enjoyed working with many photographers and videographers who have visited St. Paul’s in the past. For those familiar with the Cathedral and for those coming here for the first time, it is our hope that these guidelines will assist you in the direct planning of this special event.

To insure that you will be welcome at the Cathedral in the future, we ask that you follow these directives.

1. The Cathedral has two permanent sites where tripods for cameras can be placed. The use of such sites is permitted and recommended, otherwise those taking pictures need to be behind the invited guests. Photographers and Videographers are to be discreet in their approach of filming any wedding event, giving proper respect for the sacred space that they are in. The action of the ceremony should never be delayed because pictures are being taken.
2. At no time should a photographer and/or videographer proceed beyond the Communion rail nor is he/she permitted to enter the Sanctuary for any reason.
3. Choir loft pictures are permitted provided that the personnel operating the cameras are unobtrusive. The sight lines of the organist cannot be blocked. Check with the organist for placement of cameras.
4. The prudent use of flash is not regarded as objectionable. However, strong and intense lights, whether set up on permanent mountings or employed intermittently, are strictly forbidden for these often constitute a continuing distraction during the wedding ceremony. At no time will the use of light enhancing umbrellas or their equivalent be permitted during the ceremony or thereafter.
5. As a general rule, posed pictures are not permitted in the Cathedral following the wedding. It shall be at the discretion of the Cathedral coordinator to make exception to this. The time element and the respectful demeanor of the group will be determining factors. The Cathedral schedule is such that weddings are frequently followed by other scheduled services.
6. Reception lines in the rear of the Cathedral or on the steps of the Cathedral are not permitted.
7. During the favorable seasons of the year, pictures may be taken on the lawn, (at the Holy Family Garden.) The Cathedral schedule is such that weddings are frequently followed by other scheduled services. It is important; however, that the photographer and videographer not cause the bridal party to linger so long as to impede the arrival of others needing the parking privileges before the next scheduled event.

WE ASK THAT YOU NOT REQUEST EXCEPTIONS BE MADE TO THESE REGULATIONS.

Photographer and Videographer: Please sign below indicating your agreement to the above. Without a signed agreement, the photographer and/or videographer may not be permitted to provide their services.

Print Name of Couple

Date of Wedding

Print Name of Studio and Photographer’s Name

Signature of Photographer

Print Name of Studio and Videographer’s Name

Signature of Videographer



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Floral Guidelines for Weddings at the Cathedral

Dear Florist,

We welcome you to Saint Paul Cathedral. For those familiar with the Cathedral and for those coming here for the first time, it is our hope that these guidelines will assist you in the direct planning of the ceremony.

To insure that you will be welcome at the Cathedral in the future we ask that you follow these directives.

1. The florist should expect to be able to prepare the Cathedral for a wedding approximately 45 minutes before the scheduled event. If it is necessary for you to place flowers, vases, ribbons, etc. earlier than 45 minutes before the start of the wedding ceremony, permission of the Cathedral coordinator will need to be obtained.
2. We would ask that during the time you are preparing the Cathedral for the wedding, you be quiet and respectful of the space that you are in. Loud conversation and noisy activity are inappropriate in a house of prayer.
3. **Due to liability concerns and safety issues, the use of a crash/runner and any candelabras are not permitted at the Cathedral.** This includes arrangements with lit candles and/or glass.
4. Fresh flowers and greens may be placed on the floor in front of the altar and in urns at the side of the altar. **(The use of the Cathedral's brass urns are permitted. The diameter of the top opening is 9¼ inches.)** No flowers or greens are to be placed upon the Altar of Sacrifice. **All flowers placed in the sanctuary for the wedding celebration are considered a gift to the church and must remain at the Cathedral for the enhancement of our worship throughout the course of the following week.**
5. There are 42 pews on the right side of the main aisle and 38 pews on the left. Bows may be attached to the pews ***only*** with cloth or rubber bands. The use of wire, scotch tape, clamps or any adhesive is forbidden. Such materials may very well damage the finish of the pews. If this guideline is not followed, the Cathedral coordinator shall insist upon immediate removal of all such arrangements.
6. The throwing of rice, birdseed or flower petals is NOT PERMITTED. Also the release of balloons, butterflies or doves is NOT ALLOWED.
7. **We understand that implied in your agreement to service the wedding, you will also remove all boxes, floral tissue, fallen petals, pine needles, leaves, and any other debris from the site immediately after the wedding.**

Thank you and we look forward to your visit.

Florist: Please sign below indicating that you have read and agree to the above. Without a signed agreement the florist may not be permitted to provide services.

Print Name of Couple

Date of Wedding

Print Name of Flower Shop and Florist Name

Signature of Florist

Phone