



St. Francis of Assisi

Catholic Church - Triangle, VA

WEDDING GUIDELINES FOR FLORISTS

St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church welcomes all florists to participate in creating a memorable wedding day for our brides and grooms. Therefore, we ask that you comply with the following guidelines:

- ◆ No arrangements are necessary in certain liturgical seasons. Please see the next page.
- ◆ Flower arrangements are allowed in front of the altar.
- ◆ No aisle candles of any kind are permitted.
- ◆ Aisle runners are not permitted.
- ◆ Pew bows and decorations are not permitted.
- ◆ The florist may set up one hour prior to the wedding. All equipment and decorations must be removed from the church immediately following the wedding. St Francis cannot be responsible for any equipment or decorations left in the church. Flower arrangements can remain in the church at the bride and groom's discretion.

Please sign below that you have read and agree to the above guidelines and return this agreement to the Wedding Coordinator at the parish.

Wedding

Wedding Date and Time

Name of Floral Shop (printed)

Signature of Florist

Address

Telephone Number

City, State, ZIP Code

Date

Signature of Groom

Signature of Bride

See reverse for additional notes

FLORAL DECORATIONS

In general, we would advise minimal expenses for floral arrangements as the church is already a quite visually stunning environment. Plus wedding expenses can add up. Many weddings here do nothing in the way of fresh floral arrangements.

The basic environment, altar décor and floral arrangements of the church change with the movement of liturgical seasons. During the following seasons, the church environment is set by the needs of the parish:

- ◆ Advent (four weeks preceding Christmas)
- ◆ Christmas (Christmas Eve through the Solemnity of the Baptism of the Lord)
- ◆ Lent (Ash Wednesday to Easter during which time wedding/altar flowers are required to be at a minimum in order to maintain the solemnity of the season)
- ◆ Easter (Easter Sunday through and including Pentecost Sunday)
- ◆ Third Sunday after Pentecost
- ◆ Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi (weekend near October 4)

These liturgical seasons are key points in the church's liturgical year. The church décor and environment serves the broader parish and its needs. The bridal parties are welcome to take advantage of the décor already established in the church. In general, the décor is not changed for weddings during the above periods.

As you know, Lent, Easter, Pentecost and other days described above are "moveable;" in other words, the calendar dates change from year to year.