



St. Francis of Assisi

Catholic Church - Triangle, VA

WEDDING GUIDELINES FOR PHOTOGRAPHERS

St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church welcomes you to participate in creating a memorable wedding day for our brides and grooms. Therefore, we ask that you comply with the following guidelines once the ceremony begins (the bridal party procession) in order that the sanctity of the religious ceremony is maintained.

- ◆ Once the religious ceremony has begun, there are limitations on where you can be. No still photographers are allowed within the sanctuary (steps and the altar area) during the ceremony. Photographers may not move forward beyond a “line” formed by the first row of pews. Photographers may shoot in the center aisle no further forward than the last guest. You are free to move in the side aisles up to the “line” as long as the view of wedding guests is not obstructed.
- ◆ Photographers are not allowed in the main aisle during the entrance procession. It is permitted to be located in one of the empty pews and shot “down the aisle” while remaining in the pew.
- ◆ Once the procession of the wedding party begins until the wedding party has processed from the body of the church, **no flash photography is permitted**. Only available light photography is to be used.
- ◆ Pictures can be taken before the wedding. There will be approximately 30 minutes *after* the wedding for photos.
- ◆ Please respect the sanctity of the church. Help us by not taking photographs we would consider inappropriate shots (i.e.: bride on groom’s knee, bride lying on the altar steps, the wedding party striking a pose on the altar steps, etc. - yes, over the years we have seen it all!).

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 Photography Studio (printed)

Signature of Photographer

Address

Email Address

City, State, ZIP Code

Date

Signature of Groom

Signature of Bride