

General Guidelines for Nuptial Mass or Service

What about weddings?

Weddings are allowed, with all of the norms applied, including masks and social distancing. The priest or deacon should stand far away from the couple as they exchange their vows, so that they could do that without masks. The couple could be considered a new household so could sit near one another and even hold hands, but all other people in the wedding party need masks and social distancing. The couple could consider making plans to renew their vows on their first anniversary, with more people present. (Archdiocese of Boston, May 19, 2020)

- **All guests, members of the wedding party, musicians, photographer and clergy will need to pre-register online for seating arrangements.**
- The bride and groom (or designee) will receive a private link so that they may pre-register guests, solo musicians etc.
- Capacity is limited to about 100 persons in total including clergy, musicians and volunteers).
- All will be asked to check in prior to the Mass or service- and will be seated by a parish usher.
- There are limited processions under COVID-19 restrictions which means the groom and bride **ONLY** can process in individually at beginning of Mass; their bridal party shall be seated ahead of the Mass. At the end of Mass, only the couple together can process out through the main aisle. Their guests will exit through the exit door.
- There will be no parking on the rectory side of the Church, which will be used for check-in.
- Driving into the Church will be from the right entry way and parking will be in the right parking lot and behind the Church. Handicapped parking will be available as marked.
- Masks must be worn at all times from before you exit your vehicle until you return to your vehicle (with the exception of those medically unable to do so and children under age 2. Also parents may decide for children ages 2-5). This will assist when unable to keep socially distant in the parking lot.
- The priest, or deacon, will proclaim the readings selected.
- No congregational singing will be permitted.
- There will be no holding of hands during the Our Father and no touching at the sign of peace.
- When you receive communion, you should keep your mask on, receive in your hands from the Priest, step to the side, remove your mask, consume the host and then put your mask back on.
- Exiting at Mass will be pew by pew starting from the front as directed by volunteers.
- Please follow the one way directions and read carefully all signs.

For complete details on our COVID-19 Guidelines and a video on the Mass please go to:

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