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Dear Brides & Grooms,

Alleluiah! The time to open our doors has finally come! While we are excited to welcome back our parishioners, we understand that it is not yet safe for all to join us, due to the COVID-19 virus.

Our wedding process will be different – we ask for your patience and understanding as we strive to meet the requirements set forth by the State of Massachusetts, as well as the Archdiocese of Boston. Above all, we are committed to doing all we can to provide spaces where we can all worship safely.

Here are some of the guidelines all must abide by:

- If you or any guest is sick – in any way – please stay home.
- All **MUST** wear masks – with the exception of the Bride & Groom, children under 2; children between 2 and 5 based on parental decision and those with medical reasons.
- If you are having a Mass Ceremony, we ask everyone to bring a personal bottle of sanitizer for use before/after Communion. ALL who choose to receive Communion will receive in the hand (while wearing masks, but not gloves) then move to a designated spot where mask may be slipped down to consume the Host. Mask must be replaced and then return to the pew.
- All must remain socially distant. A family [that lives together] may sit together in one pew, but all others must be 6 feet apart. Blue tape will mark the 6 feet on the pews.
- All spots will be marked with tape.
- There will be one cantor and one musician for music, but the congregation is asked **NOT** to sing at this time.
- At this time, WEDDING PROGRAMS are not allowed to be handed out before the ceremony, but are allowed to be distributed at the end of the ceremony as everyone exits.
- We are limited to **NO MORE THAN 40% Capacity OR** the capacity able to remain socially distant – whichever is **LESS**. An approximate number of people allowed is to be determined, but will be announced soon.

We understand that these guidelines may not be what you anticipated for your wedding. If you wish to reschedule your wedding, please let your wedding coordinator know so that we can accommodate a new date.

Thank you and God Bless!
Fr. Jack