

CHURCH OF ST. PATRICK

53 ST. PATRICK'S PLACE STATEN ISLAND, NY 10306

Guidelines for Photographers for the Celebration of Marriage

ALL COUPLES ARE REQUIRED TO HAVE THEIR PHOTOGRAPHERS READ AND AGREE TO THESE GUIDELINES REGARDING PHOTOGRAPHY. THIS MUST BE RETURNED THREE MONTHS PRIOR TO THE WEDDING SIGNED BY THE PHOTOGRAPHER.

The Marriage Rite for Catholic Christians takes place during the sacred worship life of our Parish. While wedding pictures are wonderful keepsakes, the taking of pictures at the wedding must never become the central focus or an unwelcome intrusion. The norms of our parish are quite simple.

- Professional photographers are permitted to take pictures with flash or other lighting during the entrance procession and the recessional. No flash pictures are permitted during weddings whether Masses or ceremonies.
- You are not to interfere with the movement of anyone during the entrance procession or at any other time during the service. No directions are to be given to anyone to “stop for a picture” during the procession or at any other moment.
- During the service, guests are permitted to take still pictures from their seats without the use of flash attachments. Professional photographers must confine themselves to the balcony of the Church, and not use flash attachments or extra lighting.
- Posed pictures after the wedding ceremony or Mass are permitted in the Church for a period of about 10 minutes. If another service is scheduled after the wedding, no posed pictures will be possible, if your wedding does not begin on time.

Thank you.

I have received and read the policy statement concerning photography of the wedding. I understand that my compliance with these directions will influence decisions concerning my presence at future weddings in the Church of St. Patrick.

WEDDING COUPLE: _____ | WEDDING DATE: _____

PHOTOGRAPHER NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____ | PHONE #: _____

AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE: _____