

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ST. MARY WEDDINGS

### **1. Am I a parishioner?**

You are considered a parishioner of St. Mary if you are registered at the parish for a minimum of 6 months prior to booking your wedding, or if your parents are registered parishioners at St. Mary. Having attended church at St. Mary in the past, having attended Holy Family Church or school in the past, but NOT being registered at St. Mary now does not make you a parishioner.

### **2. How long do I have for my wedding?**

You have a total of 4 hours on the day of your wedding from the moment we unlock the church for you arrive to dress, take pictures etc, to the moment you leave for your reception.

### **3. How large can my wedding party be?**

The wedding party is limited to 6 couples, not including the ring bearer, flower girl and the bride and groom.

### **4. How old do my ring bearer and flower girl have to be?**

Any child in your wedding **MUST BE** 5 years old by the day of your wedding, **NO EXCEPTIONS.**

### **5. Is there a place to dress for the wedding?**

You may use the church hall to dress for your wedding.

### **6. Is your church air conditioned?**

NO

### **7. Can I have an aisle runner, flower petals in the aisle, a receiving line or rice/birdseed thrown outside,?**

NO

### **8. Can I have pew bows?**

Yes. Bows can be fastened with large rubber bands, ribbon, or pew bow clips. You cannot use tape, nails, tacks, floral putty, or anything that may damage the pew.

### **9. Can we bring food or beverages to the hall?**

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You may bring food/pop/bottled water to your dressing area. *NO food or beverages (including water) brought into the Church.*

## **10. Are their rules regarding alcohol?**

There is to be **NO** alcohol consumed by anyone in the wedding party prior to arriving at the church. There is to be **NO** alcoholic beverages brought to or consumed on church property before, during or after the rehearsal or wedding ceremony. This includes any and all members of the wedding party. **VIOLATION OF THIS RULING WILL RESULT IN AN IMMEDIATE CANCELATION OF THE WEDDING, NO EXCEPTIONS.**

## **11. Can I have special music/soloist at my wedding?**

Yes. All music choices must meet the approval of the St. Mary Music Minister, regardless of who plays/sings at your wedding. All music must be "live", not taped or pre-recorded. **A soloist is not to have any other role in the wedding ceremony, i.e. a member of the wedding party..**

## **12. When can I have my wedding?**

You can schedule your wedding on Saturday up to 2pm. Evening weddings can be scheduled at 6:30pm.

## **13. When do we arrive on the day of the wedding?**

Most bridal parties arrive approximately 2 hours before the actual start of their wedding. **YOU MUST BE AT ST. MARY CHURCH AT LEAST 1 HOUR PRIOR TO YOUR WEDDING REGARDLESS OF ANY OTHER PRE-WEDDING PLANS..**

## **14. When can I schedule my rehearsal?**

Rehearsals can be scheduled the day before your wedding at either 5pm, 5:30pm, or 6pm. Rehearsals usually only take about an hour. Everyone who has an active part in your wedding needs to attend the rehearsal. Musicians and photographers do not attend the rehearsal. Be sure to check with your celebrant concerning his schedule before planning your rehearsal. St. Mary needs this information 2 weeks in advance of your wedding.