

Notre Dame Church – Weddings

In accordance with the Archdiocese of Newark's reopening of churches directives, please read the following information regarding wedding protocol during the pandemic.

Please note there will be a risk for anyone who enters the church. Even with best health practices, sanitizing and strict social distancing, anyone who enters a public space (even a church) should recognize there is a risk of contracting COVID-19.

Wedding Directives

- Anyone with a fever or other flu-like symptoms should not come to church.
- If you have guests coming from a state on the mandated quarantine list, we ask that you kindly comply with New Jersey State protocol and guidelines.
- It is important for you, your family, and guests to **arrive 15 minutes before** the time of your scheduled wedding.
- While in the church and on church grounds, you must maintain 6 feet social distancing between individuals and/or households at all times.
- Masks must be worn at all times while on church property. This includes children ages 2 and older.
- Parish center restrooms are closed. There is a church restroom available, near the main entrance, for "emergency" use only.
- The total number of people allowed to be present is **100**, which includes the priest, cantor, musician, and the bride and groom, leaving **95** additional guests and photographers/videographers.
- You may enter the church through the main entrance or the parish center doors (accessible). All other church doors are for emergency exit only.
- Upon entering the church, please sit in designated seating areas, and only in the center section. Individuals and households must maintain six feet social distancing.
- The bridal party must wear masks and maintain six feet social distancing before, during and after the ceremony. Seating will be arranged six feet apart.
- The bride and groom will sit next to each other, six feet from the maid of honor and the best man.
- Communion directives will be given during the liturgy.
- During the ceremony, you are allowed to take pictures, video or live stream the wedding from the side aisles, choir loft or church transepts.
- At the conclusion of the service, please exit the church through the main entrance or the parish center doors. All other doors are for emergency exit only.
- Guests on receiving line must maintain six feet social distance.
- Pictures are not permitted inside the church after the ceremony. You are welcome to take photographs outside on the church grounds.

Thank you for your cooperation!