

**ST. PIUS X  
PROTOCOL FOR WEDDINGS DURING COVID-19**

It is the greatest desire of St. Pius X to provide you a sacred, special and safe wedding ceremony in our Church. The guidelines listed below are intended to offer you exactly that. They have been put in place by the State of New York and the Diocese of Albany to protect everyone who will be attending your wedding. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact our Parish Office at 518-462-1336.

- The Church will have been disinfected prior to your wedding.
- Entrance to the Church will be through the main doors only. We are unable to allow admittance through the Chapel entrance or Stafford Street entrance at this time.
- Hand sanitizer and masks are available at the entrance to the Church.
- Bride and Groom only may be mask free.
- Everyone in the bridal party and the guests must wear masks when they are in the Church.\*
- The groomsmen may arrive 30 minutes before ceremony. The Groom and Best Man may wait in the church outside of the sacristy.
- The Bride and the bridesmaids are asked to arrive 20 minutes prior to start of ceremony and remain in their vehicles until a groomsman lets them know when to come into the Church.
- Church doors will open to guests 30 minutes before the ceremony.
- We are unable to allow for wedding programs during this time.
- Guests will be escorted to their seats by St. Pius X Ambassadors. Ambassadors will be wearing masks. We are unable to allow groomsmen to escort guests at this time.
- Grandparents must be seated prior to the ceremony.
- Mother of the Bride should process down the aisle alone. Groomsmen will be encouraged to not escort her to her pew unless she feels unsteady walking by herself. Parents of the groom may walk together.
- Only the Bride, Groom, Best Man and Maid of Honor will be permitted in the sanctuary with Father.
- The wedding party will be unable to join the Bride and Groom in the sanctuary during this time.
- The bridesmaids will sit in the Stafford section and the groomsmen will sit in the Chapel section.
- We are unable to allow gift bearers at this time.
- Following the ceremony, the Bride and Groom will proceed down the main aisle, out the main entrance and walk to Stafford Street side of Church and enter there for pictures.
- Following the ceremony, the bridesmaids and groomsmen may process out of the Church in single file, socially distanced.
- Guests and the bridal party (including the Best Man and Maid of Honor) are asked to exit the Church following the direction of the St. Pius X Ambassadors.
- Immediate family members should remain seated for post-ceremony photos in the Church.
- Post-ceremony photos in the Church will be permitted for immediate family only.
- We cannot accommodate receiving lines at this time.
- With the exception of post-ceremony photos, we cannot allow for congregating in the Church after the ceremony.
- Please do not leave behind anything in the pews.
- Please use the restrooms in the rear of the Church only.
- The Church will be disinfected following pictures.
- Contact tracing will be in effect and the bride and groom will provide the Church with the names and phone numbers of their guests attending the ceremony.

We thank you very much for your anticipated cooperation. God Bless.

*\*The bridesmaids, flower girls, and parents of the Bride and Groom, may remove their masks during processional, but must put them on as soon as they reach their pew. Lectors are not required to wear masks while reading. Bride and Groom are not required to wear masks. Masks may be removed for pictures.*