

# St. Michael the Archangel

## *Photography Guidelines for Weddings*

### **Photographers/ Videographers**

Photographers and the wedding party should keep in mind that the church is not a studio but a sacred space. All are expected to keep their voices soft and to be reverent and respectful. **No sanctuary furnishings are to be moved or removed under any circumstances.**

The following are our church's guidelines for taking pictures or video at your wedding celebration:

- Please use the available electrical outlets to minimize the need for extension cords. Do not use tape to secure the cords.
- There should be no "roaming around" the church after the wedding liturgy has begun.
- There also should be no standing on the pews or on chairs. You may stand in the choir loft to take pictures.
- Flash photography is not allowed during the ceremony (except for the processional and recessional). Only the lighting already available in the church may be used for pictures taken during the wedding liturgy; no additional lighting may be used.
- Any pre-wedding pictures **MUST** conclude no later than 30 minutes before the start of the ceremony in keeping with archdiocesan policy.
- After the wedding, pictures (with or without flash) may be taken. For Saturday weddings, pictures **MUST** conclude by 3:30 p.m. when the Sacrament of Reconciliation (confessions) begins.
- If you're having a printed program for your wedding, please include a note asking the guests to refrain from taking pictures during the liturgy.

For further instructions on where to stand, where to set up etc. please consult with the wedding coordinator, upon arrival.

