Wedding Décor for St. John’s Church

Flowers are a beautiful way for each couple to personalize a wedding ceremony. It is with this in mind that we would like to offer some suggestions for floral arrangements in St. John’s Church.

FYI - During the wedding ceremony it is customary for the bride, groom and priest all to stand in front of the altar of worship. Here at St. John’s that area around the altar is restricted as the altar is placed on an island.

*The purpose of altar flowers are to accentuate the altar not overwhelm the altar.*

In order to help your florist we have some pictures and dimensions that will help you in designing your floral arrangements. For arrangements which are placed next to the altar they should not exceed four feet in height. This includes the height of any pedestals or vases used. The width should not be any larger than eighteen inches and the arrangement needs to be set to the side of the altar as seen in pictures. This allows for movement of persons standing in front and behind the altar.
Another option for the placement of floral arrangements are on the pedestals that are here at St. John’s. They are located behind the altar. It is suggested that these arrangements need to be at least 36 inches in height in order for them to be seen. The red arrangement pictured below is 48 inches in total height. The glass vase is approximately 28 inches in height.

This white arrangement below is 26 inches in total height. These pictures show both options of placement for floral arrangements.
Many people choose not to use altar arrangements, below are some ideas that people have used in decorating for a wedding.

Pew bows are to be secured with a ribbon or other soft coverings. (the pews are notched on the sides to accommodate ribbons). Pew clips are not to be used when attaching pew decorations.

A memorial bouquet can be placed on the baptismal font. The family members are recognized in the program or in a frame placed next to bouquet.

Photos of couple with toss bouquet placed on baptismal font.

When working with your florist, please keep in mind there are certain seasons when the decorations in St. John's cannot be moved for weddings. These seasons are;

Thanksgiving weekend
Advent – Four weeks before Christmas
Christmas Season - Christmas Eve through Epiphany
Lent and Easter Season – Ash Wednesday through Pentecost
~ almost 14 weeks beginning with Ash Wednesday and ending on Pentecost (50 days after Easter)