

## *Flowers and Appointments for the Sanctuary*

- The only flowers permitted in the church (other than those worn or carried) are flowers placed in the vases on the altar and those used as pew markers. Altar vases from the church or chapel are to be used for all weddings; florists may pick these up from the church on the Thursday or Friday before the wedding. Please make sure that your florist follows the enclosed guidelines for flower arrangements in the church or chapel.
- **Flowers for the altar MUST be brought to the church on Saturday before 10:30 am while members of the Altar Guild are available to properly place them on the altar. The church will be locked after this time. Flowers for attendants may be brought before 10:30 or 1 ½ hours before the ceremony.**
- Only linens, hangings, and candles belonging to the church may be used in the sanctuary. Holy Trinity does not have unity candles or aisle runners. Equipment such as wagons for flower girls may not be used in the sanctuary.
- Pew markers (small white hangings) are available to use on the pews reserved for family and special guests. We encourage brides to use them; however, traditional ribbons or flowers may be used if desired. Flowers and/or ribbons may be used only on the rows reserved for family and special guests; they may not be used on pews beyond this point.
- For weddings that take place during the Advent or Christmas seasons, the Advent wreaths will remain in the church or the chapel. For weddings that take place during the Easter season, the Paschal Candle and the Easter banner will remain in the Church.
- Floral garlands may be used around the outside doors of the church or on the step railings. The use of wreaths on the doors is discouraged since they will not be seen when the doors are propped open. Arrangements must be made to remove all decorations on the outside of the church before services on Sunday.

## WHAT TO DO WITH THE FLOWERS AFTER THE WEDDING SERVICE

Flowers from weddings in the church cannot be left on the high altar for Sunday since memorial flowers for the high altar have been planned in advance for every week throughout the year. Flowers from a wedding in the chapel usually may remain on the chapel altar for the 8:00 o'clock Sunday service. Flowers used on the church high altar are too large to be used on the chapel altar. Listed below are several options for using the wedding flowers following the wedding service.

- If you wish, immediately after the wedding, flowers can be transferred to disposable containers for transporting (supplied by the bride) and picked up in the sacristy by a friend or family member to be taken to the reception, bride's home, etc.
- The flowers may be donated to a flower ministry which recycles flowers to be taken to a Hospice facility.
- The flowers may remain in the sacristy to be picked up on Sunday after the 11:00 o'clock service, as noted above.
- The flowers may be placed in the baptistry or the chapel narthex for Sunday services, and picked up after the 11:00 o'clock service, as noted above. A memorial may be placed in the church bulletin, provided your wording and information is given to the church office at least ten days prior to the wedding.