

Photography in Weddings at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church

As is the case with all liturgies of the church, the worship of God is the primary intention of the wedding ceremony. Picture taking can distract from that intention, and so we strictly limit how it may be done.

Prior to the ceremony. Pictures may be taken in the sanctuary up to one hour before the service begins. The church doors will remain closed until pictures are completed. Pictures in other parts of the church complex may be taken up until the time of the wedding.

During the ceremony. The OFFICIAL wedding photographer may take non-flash pictures from the balcony or from the narthex if no noise is made. Please make sure all wedding guests understand there are to be NO photographs taken in the church during the service. Holy Trinity asks that you include the following sentence in your wedding program: **“In reverence for this worship service the congregation is requested to turn off cell phones and refrain from taking photographs.”**

Videotaping may be done from the balcony, provided that the camera is set up one hour in advance and no distracting movement is involved.

After the ceremony. In order for the Altar Guild to have time to carry out their work of preparing the church for the Sunday services, picture taking must be limited to 20 minutes after the conclusion of the service. Strict adherence to this policy is requested. If you are having a picture made with the clergy, please take this picture first.

If your photographer or videographer has questions she/he may contact the Holy Trinity wedding guild coordinator (Jean Cornwell, 336-272-7450, 336-509-3926; jcornwell1@triad.rr.com) in advance of the wedding.

There are many attractive spots in and around the church complex for pictures. Below are the website addresses for a diagram of Holy Trinity Church and the grounds.

<http://www.holy-trinity.com/mediafiles/church-maps--building-map.pdf>

<http://www.holy-trinity.com/mediafiles/church-maps-block-map.pdf>