



Our Lady of Perpetual Help  
Catholic Church  
4795 Ilchester Road  
Ellicott City, MD 21043

Dear Photographer/Videographer:

On behalf of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, I would like to welcome you to our parish and acknowledge your participation in the upcoming marriage ceremony of one of our engaged couples.

The wedding celebration, as I am sure you are aware, is a sacred event in the life of the couple and our parish family. Recognizing that at times certain behavior can detract from the sacredness of the event, I am writing to ask your respect for the following guidelines at our parish:

1. As Catholics, we regard our church as sacred at all times — not just during the wedding ceremony itself. Therefore, while in our church (whether before, during, or after the ceremony) we ask you to retain the respect and decorum appropriate for the sacred nature of the building.
2. Photographers and videographers should not be a distraction to the ministers, the bridal party, or the guests during the wedding ceremony itself. After the ceremony, when taking photographs of the bridal party, please do not encourage or tolerate behavior that would be disrespectful to our worship space.
3. Photographers and videographers may not enter the sanctuary (altar area) of the church at any time during the ceremony. The sanctuary is the elevated area of the church that encompasses the altar and the pulpit.
4. Video cameras are permitted only on tripods and only in stationary positions in the church during the ceremony.
5. Extra lights are not permitted for use during the ceremony. Flash may be used during the entrance and exit of the wedding party but not during the ceremony itself.
6. Photographs may be taken in the church after the ceremony, but only if there is sufficient time to do so before the next function. Consult with the priest or deacon with regard to any time limitations that may apply.
7. Please do not move any furniture or microphones in the church in order to photograph the wedding party.
8. No food or beverage is permitted in the church at any time.

We thank you for your consideration and respect of these guidelines. If we can be of any assistance to you in your service to the engaged couple, please do not hesitate to call upon us.

Sincerely yours,

Fr. Erik J. Arnold  
Pastor