

Guidelines for Serving Drinks/Beverages at St. John's Sponsored or Parish-wide Events

(1) Alcohol in the form of beer and wine may be served at church and church sponsored events where it is deemed appropriate within the context of the liturgical season and the specific activity.

(2) Hard liquor or spirits are not to be served.

(3) Non-alcoholic beverages should be treated the same way and at the same table where alcoholic drinks are served. When alcohol is served, attractive non-alcoholic beverages (other than water) should be provided in equal (or greater amounts). They should be clearly marked as non-alcoholic and kept separate (to one side) from the alcoholic drinks. The express purpose here is to assure that those who choose not to drink alcohol do not seem to be drinking something less celebratory.

(4) A beverages table should be staffed by a person(s) who pours. Alcoholic drinks should be clearly marked so there is no confusion as to their content. Suggestion: Have perhaps 2 red wines and 2 white wines out for selection. The rest are held in reserve until needed.

(5) Once the call goes out for Grace, either the beverage table will continue to be staffed, or all beverages (both alcoholic and non-alcoholic) will be removed to the kitchen area and will be poured from there (if made available during dinner).

(6) Alcohol should not be served at events that are intentionally designed for and intended solely for children and youth.

(7) At St. John's events hosted by parishioners in their homes or other off-site locations, wine or beer may be served at the discretion of the host(s). If alcohol is to be served hosts agree to be responsible for ensuring that alcohol is not accessible to children or youth, and that adults do not misuse alcohol especially in the presence of minors.

(8) The inclusion of alcohol is strongly discouraged for any event held during the Lenten season.

(9) No alcohol may be sold on Parish property or at Parish sponsored events, as the sale of alcoholic beverages requires a state issued liquor license.

Note: The above *Guidelines* were approved and adopted by St. John's Vestry at its April 14, 2011 meeting.