

Covid Restrictions for a Safe Re-entry into Church

Welcome home!! We are thrilled to be opening our Church buildings and welcoming our Parish Family back for in person worship again! Listed below are precautions and safety measures we will be taking to ensure a smooth transition back to in person liturgies as our number one priority is to keep our parishioners safe.

THE OBLIGATION TO ATTEND SUNDAY MASS HAS BEEN DISPENSED BY BISHOP DENNIS SULLIVAN.

Who **SHOULD NOT** be attending Mass? The CDC recommends that those with underlying health issues, elderly, those who feel sick, especially those experiencing a cough, and those with small children who are unable to social distance should not attend. The “cry” room at St. Ann will be closed. The Welcome Centers & Gift Shop are closed at this time. Restrooms should only be used in emergencies. We cannot clean them after each use.

There will be **SPECIFIC ENTRANCE & EXITS** from the churches. The St. Ann entrance will be on Atlantic Ave and Assumption entrance is on Seaview Ave. St. Ann exit will be the doors on Glenwood and Magnolia Avenues (4 corner doors). Assumption exit will be the two doors on either side of the sanctuary and the two middle doors (Rambler & Primrose Avenues).

EVERYONE MUST WEAR A MASK. We are all experiencing this rule in grocery stores and other businesses. The only exception is for children under the age of two. Masks are to be worn **THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE MASS.** Your mask must cover your nose & mouth completely. Out of concern for the health and safety of everyone; if you are unable to comply with this rule, please stay home & view the live-stream Mass.

SOCIAL DISTANCING will be exercised within the church. Please maintain social distance while waiting to enter the church. Volunteer “guides” will count & direct you to others who will guide you to pews to achieve maximum capacity. Maybe you will find a new favorite seat. Each church will have their handicap door open for those who require handicap seating; however, seating is limited in the handicap area.

HOLY COMMUNION WILL BE DISTRIBUTED AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE MASS. The Precious Blood will not be offered. Using personal hand sanitizer before communion is encouraged. The communion stations will be by the exit doors. Please follow the instructions of the ushers for a smooth and orderly line and exit of the church. Everyone must enter the communion line even if they will not be receiving Holy Communion. If a person cannot receive, they will approach the Eucharistic Minister with arms crossed over their chest then exit the church. Everyone must be wearing a mask as they approach the communion station. They will receive the host in the hand, for the safety of everyone, then step to the side to place the host in their mouth and exit the church. The Eucharist must be consumed before leaving the building. We encourage you to meditate enroute to your car.

COLLECTION will be at the normal time. We will have two collections (regular & special) back to back. There will be no Offertory Procession. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

CLEANING & SANITIZATION: Hand sanitizer is available at the entrance and exits of the church; however, we encourage people to bring their own sanitizer. The church will be cleaned and sanitized after each mass. Do not use any cleaning or sanitizing wipes on the pews. We have specific cleaning materials that will not harm the varnish on the pews. Please follow directions when areas of the church are closed especially during the week. Those areas do not receive a daily cleaning.