

My Dear Friends In Christ,

As we resume public Mass, the following list is intended to let you know the precautions we are taking to provide a safe, clean worshiping space as well as the social distancing guidelines that will enhance everyone's safety. Be assured that the church will be cleaned with authorized disinfectant following each Mass.

REQUIREMENTS FOR ATTENDING MASS

- * In order to limit social gathering and allow time to seat registered parishioners, those attending Mass should arrive no earlier than 30 minutes and no later than 15 minutes before the start of Mass.**
- * One entrance: Entry into church will be front right and left side doors (no entry through middle doors) at St. John's, front door at St. Ann's. PLEASE NOTE THAT IN SEATING PEOPLE (ASIDE FROM THOSE WITH PHYSICAL CHALLENGES), DUE TO SAFETY PROTOCOLS IN PLACE, WE CANNOT GUARANTEE YOU A PARTICULAR SEAT IN THE CHURCH.**
- * All parishioners must wear masks. There are several exceptions, such as: children under the age of two, and people with underlying health conditions. The wearing of masks for children between the ages of 2-5 is based on the parents' discretion.**
- * Parishioners should bring their own hand sanitizer if possible. The church will have limited supply.**
- * Parishioners must maintain 6 feet of social distance between each other at all times. This does not apply to families that live in the same household.**
- * Appropriate social distancing spaces will be designated on the floor/in the aisles. Ushers will provide guidance.**
- * Everyone will enter church using front doors and leave church using side doors. Those closest to the front doors will leave first**

*** There will be no sign of peace, offertory collection or singing during Mass. Baskets for financial contributions will be available as you leave church.**

*** Special instructions on receiving Holy Communion will be presented during each Mass.**

*** To prevent close contact, the clergy will employ minimal entrancing in or recessing out of the church.**

*** Public gatherings before or after Mass are not permitted outside church.**

While we recognize that this may appear to be "strange," it allows us to pray together, receive the Eucharist and be safe.

AN IMPORTANT NOTE:

If you are uneasy about attending such an event, please remember that the Dispensation from Reception of Communion is still in effect. If you are in the "vulnerable/at risk" category, please remember that you need not (nor would I want you to) risk your health and well-being. It is for this reason that I will still be taping Sunday Mass (broadcast on EB-CAM and posted on Facebook/parish websites) and live-streaming Daily Mass on Facebook.

As we begin to come together, let us continue to pray for one another, especially those adversely by the events of these months.

Peace,

Fr. Paul