

2020 MASS RESTART INSTRUCTIONS FOR PARISHIONERS

We are pleased to announce that we restarted public celebration of the Mass at 5:00PM on Saturday and 9:00AM and 11:00AM on Sunday. If you would like to attend, please read the instructions below. To comply with social distancing guidelines, we will have to limit entry to the church once our reduced seating has been filled.

- Please plan on arriving at least 15 minutes before Mass starts.
- You will be required to wear a face mask at all times while in the church, except during the reception of the Eucharist.
- Upon entering the church, a greeter will sanitize your hands.
- Ushers will escort you to an open pew. Seating will start from the front of the church, and you are asked to remain in your seat during the Mass except for reception of Eucharist.
- Each family, defined as all members of a single household, will be seated together.
- To maintain social distancing of 6 feet, every other pew will be roped off.
- Within each pew, parties should remain separated by 6 feet.
- Because of limited seating, we ask for your cooperation in sitting where directed by the ushers.
- No formal collection will be taken up during the Mass. Instead, weekly offerings may be placed in baskets at each entrance as you enter or exit the church, mailed to the church office, or made via the online donation portal.
- To maintain social distancing, formation of the communion line will be controlled by the ushers starting from the back of the church with the center sections. Side sections will be done after the center sections are completed. While in line, parishioners should maintain social distancing using the blue markers on the carpet. Parishioners will be asked to sanitize their hands before receiving the Eucharist. More specific instructions will be provided during Mass.
- After receiving communion, all parishioners must return to their seats. To minimize the risk to other parishioners, we ask that you not depart early from the church.
- At the conclusion of the Mass, ushers will dismiss parishioners starting from the back of the church. You are asked to remain in your pew until dismissed.
- Upon dismissal, exit from the church directly to the parking lot. Please do not congregate in the narthex or on the sidewalks immediately outside the exit doors so that social distancing can be maintained for those behind you.

Bathrooms will be available for urgent needs. If you choose to use the bathroom, sanitization supplies will be available. We will not have staff available to sanitize the bathrooms after each user.

While the Church may be reopening for public worship, it is important to remember that just because public worship is permitted does not mean that participation is now risk-free. Rather, **the obligation to participate in Sunday Mass is still lifted by Bishop Libasci**, whose utmost concern along with that of all the priests of the Diocese, is the health and wellbeing of our parishioners. Therefore, **Sunday Mass will continue to be live-streamed**, and those who are at greater risk of serious illness are encouraged to continue participating from home.