

# Church Guidelines for Masses and Daily Prayer

- Daily mass will be celebrated at 8:00 am and continue to be live streamed except on Thursdays.
- The church will be open Monday – Thursday from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm for private prayer beginning on June 15.
- Weekend masses will be celebrated Saturdays at 5 p.m. (with live stream), Sundays at 8:00 am, 9:30 am (live stream only, to allow for cleaning) and 11:00 am.
- Confessions will be celebrated Saturdays, 3:30 pm - 4:15 pm in the prayer garden (weather permitting).

## Arrival:

- Upon arrival, as you walk into the church, please maintain social distancing.
- Please arrive at least 15 minutes before mass, as there will be a slight delay in entering the building to allow for a staggered entry.
- It will be mandatory to wear a face mask at all times. If you are not wearing a mask, entry will be denied.
- We ask that if you have hand sanitizer, you bring it with you as supplies are short.
- Safety procedures will be explained at the beginning of each mass.

## Seating:

- Based on the current guidelines as shared by the Governor of NJ, the church will have limited seating capacity with no more than **50 people allowed in attendance in the church**. Once we reach that number the doors will be closed. Additional seating for families will be available in Heritage Hall.
  - Members of the same households who live together will sit together.
  - Couples will sit together.
  - Individuals will be seated observing social distancing.

If you arrive and the church is at capacity, the outdoor speakers will be on and you can always be in the courtyard or lawn for mass.

*\*As the restrictions are lifted, the seating capacity will change. We appreciate your understanding as we continue to make the health and safety of all Parishioners and friends our top priority. We will continue to keep everyone up-to-date as plans are revised.*

### **During Mass:**

- In our continuous effort to be safe, the diocese has recommended that parishioners sign up with WeShare for collection and we encourage you to do so as much as possible. If you choose to use an envelope or cash, a basket/collection box will be placed in the middle aisle for your convenience.
- There will be no holding of hands during the Our Father. Please keep your hands folded in prayer.
- The sign of peace (a nod, wave, bow, etc.) will be contactless during this time.
- The Bishop has asked that we have no congregational singing until further notice.

### **Holy Communion:**

- Presently, distribution of Holy Communion will occur at the end of mass. Please remain in your pew until directed by an usher to come forward to receive the Eucharist before your departure from the church.
- We ask that you keep your mask on until you reach the priest/minister and then remove it, receive the Eucharist, and immediately replace your mask.
- We ask that you receive on your hand instead of on the tongue.

### **Other Guidelines:**

- For the safety and protection of all, at this time, the Little Lambs Nursery will not be open. Bathrooms will not be available for use as well (true emergencies only, one person at a time).
- Be careful to remain 6 feet apart from other individuals at all times.
- Please be aware that socialization in the Gathering Space or parking lot cannot be allowed and would be irresponsible.
- As mentioned before, we will continue to live stream the 5:00 p.m. mass on Saturday evenings. At this time the 9:30 a.m. mass will be live stream only.
- Please be aware that at this time there is no obligation to attend weekend mass. So if you have a high temperature or have Covid-19 related symptoms, are elderly or at risk, or if you feel uncomfortable, please continue participate in mass at home.