

## GENERAL INFORMATION, CHURCH CAPACITY & SEATING

- For now, Masses will be limited to 25% capacity across the Archdiocese. For St. Edith Stein that equates to 237 per mass in our main sanctuary.
- Masses will be first come, first serve until 25% capacity is reached.
- Please follow the directions of the ushers in being seated and exiting the Church.
- Refer to signs for specific instructions regarding masks, seating and other important instructions.
- The narthex, cry room, nursery and Faith Formation Building are not open for seating or any type of gathering.
- There is no Holy Water in the font at this time and none available to take home.

## BEFORE YOU ARRIVE

- Wash and sanitize your hands.
- Face masks are required on Church property and during Mass for adults and children of the age of reason.
- Make plans for your small children as the narthex, cry rooms and nursery are closed for use at this time.
- Bring your own hand sanitizer that can be used before receiving Holy Communion.

## MASS ARRIVAL PROCEDURES

1. Line up directly in front of the Church entrance practicing social distancing and with your mask on.
2. Each household will be directed by the usher to enter the building through the main glass doors in the middle. Please do not enter or leave through any other doors unless it is an emergency.
3. The sanctuary will be filled from front to back upon entrance. You will be seated in every other pew and spaced at social distancing in the pew itself. The pews are marked by numbers and be aware that we will seat alternate rows for further safety measures.
  - Saturday 6 pm          Even rows
  - Sunday 9 am            Odd rows
  - Sunday 11 am          Even rows
  - Sunday 6 pm            Odd rows

4. There will be no hymnals or daily readings available in the pews for use by parishioners.
5. There is to be NO physical contact between households at the Sign of Peace or hand holding during the Lord's Prayer.
6. Baskets will not be passed during the offertory. You will be able to place your weekly gift in a basket as you enter or exit the church, but we strongly encourage online giving on our website. [www.stedithstein.org](http://www.stedithstein.org) We appreciate how faithfully you have supported our Church community.

## HOLY COMMUNION PROCEDURES (see Sanctuary map below)

- You will be instructed to come forward for the reception of Holy Communion by section by Fr. Kulma and the Deacon. The ushers will direct you up their row by row. You can note your section on the pew sign. A is the section in front of the choir, then B & C are the two center sections and D is the section in front of the Tabernacle.
  - Sections A & C will first come forward to receive Holy Communion.
  - Section B & D will then come forward to receive Holy Communion.
- Masks should be worn in the communion line keeping a distance of six feet. Use of personal hand sanitizer before communion is strongly encouraged.
- **Cardinal DiNardo strongly requests** that you receive Holy Communion in your hand for the time being to protect the spread of the virus through the hands of the clergy and extraordinary ministers. After the priest offers you Holy Communion please step to the side, remove your mask, consume the Eucharist, and then re-mask as you proceed back to your pew. Please observe social distancing from the minister. If you would like to receive Holy Communion in your mouth, please see Fr. Kulma after the mass.

## MASS DEPARTURE PROCEDURES

- After the final blessing, parishioners must remain in their pew.
- After the clergy have processed out of the sanctuary, ushers will begin to direct the pews from back to front to immediately exit the sanctuary and the building.
- Private prayer is not available after Sunday Masses in order to allow the church to be reset for the next Mass.
- We have provided baskets for your convenience to drop off your donations. We appreciate your faithfulness and generosity at this difficult time.
- Please do not congregate outside but head directly to your vehicle to allow the next Mass to start on time.

# CHURCH CLEANING PROCEDURES

- We will continue to implement cleanliness and sanitation practices, including cleaning pews in between every Mass.
- Disinfecting bathrooms, door handles, and other frequently touched surfaces will occur throughout the day.

## Sanctuary

Choir

Altar

Tabernacle

A

B

C

D

