

Thank you to all who have called the parish office to register for weekend masses and those who are volunteering to serve the Lord at the masses as Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Playing music, greeters, ushers and to disinfect the church after each mass. Saint John Paul II Parish will hold public masses on Saturdays at 5:00pm, Sundays at 7:00am, 9:00am & 11:30am (Spanish) starting this weekend June 6-7, 2020. The 9:00am mass will be live streamed. Beginning Tuesday June 9th the daily mass schedule will resume in the Church.

We are so excited to see you but remember: **While the parish staffs will attempt to take appropriate precautions consistent with the advice of public health authorities, parishioners and guests should understand that they assume the risk of contracting COVID-19 anytime they enter a public space since such precautions do not eliminate the risk of infection.**

The Dispensation from Sunday Mass is still in effect and it is up to you to make a prudent decision regarding whether you attend or not!

Warning about those who may be ill:

- Do you have a fever or flu-like symptoms? Have you recently traveled out of the country? Have you been exposed to someone with COVID-19? Those who show signs of risk should not enter the church and should stay at home.
- The faithful continue to be dispensed from attending Sunday or Saturday Vigil Mass
- Those who are elderly or vulnerable are encouraged to remain at home.
- Please wear your mask or face covering and maintain social distancing when at church. (Family members in the same household do not need to maintain distance from each other.)

Some Important notes about Communion

- The 9:00am Mass will be live streamed, and drive-through Communion will be available between the parish center (by the priests' garage) and the school. Please enter from Lexington Avenue.
- The 5:00pm on Saturday and the 11:30am (Spanish) on Sunday will not be live streamed, and the drive-through Communion will not be available afterwards.
- For those attending Mass inside the Church, Communion will be distributed after the Final Blessing. You will be receiving communion and then immediately exiting the building, so please take with you any items you have brought in.

Guide to Receiving Communion with a face mask

- **Use hand sanitizer and observe social distancing:** Sanitize your hands as you enter the Church and during Communion time observe the 6-foot social distancing rule with anyone who does not reside in your household.

- **Approach the priest, Deacon or the Eucharistic Minister while wearing a mask:** Keep your mask on when you are in front of the priest, deacon, or EM. You are no longer six feet apart—please keep this precaution!
- **Hold out hands to receive Communion:** At this time, per Diocesan instruction, the distribution of the Eucharist is only permitted in the hands, not on the tongue.
- **Step to the side, remove your mask, and consume the Body of Christ:** Holding the Body of Christ reverently in your palms, move six feet away and use your free hand to remove your mask and consume the Body of Christ.
- **Masks back on:** Put your mask back on as you follow social distancing guidelines to exit the church and make your act of thanksgiving. Please pay attention to the arrows on the floor as you move in the church.

Guide to receiving Communion from your car

- Use hand sanitizer and wear a mask: Roll your windows down and sanitize your hands before you receive. Please wear a mask when you are within 6 feet of the priest, deacon or EM.
- **Multiple people:** Please remain in your car and roll down any windows necessary in order for communion to be administered to you.
- **Hold out hands to receive:** At this time, per Diocesan instruction, the distribution of the Eucharist is only permitted in the hands, not on the tongue.
- **Remove your mask and consume the host:** After the minister steps away, use your free hand to remove your mask and consume the Body of Christ.
- **Drive on:** Pull forward and find a quiet place to make your act of thanksgiving. Please do not hold up the line behind you.

More Information

- We shall use the main door to enter and exit the church. The East ramp door will be used only by the handicap. Please follow the directions given by the greeters and the ushers. We appreciate your patience.
- As a precaution, collection baskets will not be passed during the offertory. Your contributions can be left in the collection boxes mounted on the walls by the main entrance and the door to the East ramp.
- There will be no gift procession during the offertory.
- There will be no sign of peace by shaking hands before the Lamb of God. Use other signs of peace like a smile or hand wave.
- The Precious Blood will not be distributed.
- Those who do not wish to come forward at Communion are encouraged to remain in place and to make an Act of Spiritual Communion.