

## *Important Message from Bishop Brendan Cahill*

Effective **October 1st** the general **dispensation will expire** and **the obligation to attend Sunday Mass will be restored**. In this circumstance individuals have the capacity to make pastoral judgments about whether they can fulfill the obligation. For example, persons most at risk of serious complication from respiratory illnesses or persons experiencing anxiety of being in an indoor crowd could prayerfully discern that they cannot fulfill the obligation. Some advice I often offer to people in these cases is to bring the issue to the priest in the Sacrament of Penance, and to trust in the healing mercy of God Who desires that each person share eternal life.

**"Let us return to the Eucharist with Joy!"** *Pope Francis*

## **Updated Liturgical Guidelines for COVID**

Holy Water is available only from the reservoir in the Narthex. Bring your own receptacle.

Hand sanitizer will be available in the Narthex.

Be careful not to gather too closely when entering and leaving the church.

Be careful not to gather too closely in the Communion line.

The Sign of Peace will remain suspended.

Masks continue to be highly recommended but not mandated.

The Collection continues to be done in such a way that no one is required to touch the basket.

The universal norm of Communion on the tongue remains, but communicants are encouraged to choose to receive in the hand. Remember to leave your hand flat until AFTER the Body of Christ has been placed on it and the minister has withdrawn their fingers.