

A message from Fr. Brian regarding “Homecoming Sunday” – beginning the weekend of June 13th/14th

Dear parishioners and friends of Blessed Sacrament Church,

It is with great joy and anticipation that I announce our re-opening of Blessed Sacrament Church *at a limited capacity* for Weekend Mass beginning June 13th at 4pm and June 14th at 10:30am. Mass will be held in the church. Based on direction from the Bishop and to ensure the continued safety of all, certain guidelines will need to be followed. We appreciate your cooperation and understanding during this re-opening phase which we anticipate will include the months of June and July. Because the dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass is still in effect due to Covid-19, please do not return to Mass if you are ill or are in a high-risk category. Rather, please join us virtually via our live-streamed mass at 4pm Saturday and 10:30am Sunday. **We will also continue distribution of communion to parishioners in vehicles, as we have in the past several weeks, after the Saturday 4pm Mass from approximately 5 to 5:30pm and after the Sunday 10:30am Mass from approximately 11:30am to Noon.**

If you intend to attend, Mass please watch the video we have prepared or read what follows to understand our procedures:

Before Mass:

- Registration for attending Mass will be required due to capacity restraints. Registration will open at noon on the Thursday prior to the weekend and will be accepted until we meet our capacity limit. Use this [Sign-Up Genius link](#) to register for the Mass you would like to attend. The link will also be included in our weekly Flocknote and posted on the parish website. For those without a computer, you can call Denise at the Parish Office at 732 356-4405.
- Please wash your hands before leaving home and plan to bring along a travel-size container of hand sanitizer for use before communion.
- Masks should be worn by all except the very young. Please put them on before you exit your vehicle.

- Plan to arrive 20 minutes before Mass and arrive at the Main Church entrance where you will be asked to present a copy of your registration.
- Volunteers will seat your household. Worshipers will be seated to fill the open pews from front to back and every other pew will be closed.
- You may be sharing a pew with another household, but a social distance of six feet is required between your family and theirs.
- There will be no seating in the narthex or crying room.
- If someone arrives without a confirmed seat, they will be directed to a standby line. If there's extra seating after the start of Mass, they'll be given a seat and the reserved seat will be forfeited. Please don't be late to Mass as your seats could be given away.

During Mass:

- Please keep your face mask on for the duration of the liturgy.
- There should be no physical contact during the handshake of peace, and there should be no hand holding during the Lord's prayer.
- Baskets will not be passed during the offertory. You will be able to place your weekly gift in a basket as you exit the church. We encourage online giving - sign up via our Parish website.
- Communion distribution will be at the **END** of Mass following the final blessing. After receiving communion, you should exit the church immediately. Please do not gather in groups and maintain social distancing as you proceed to your vehicle.

Holy Communion Reception:

- Use of hand sanitizer before receiving Holy Communion is strongly encouraged.
- Volunteers will assist in each section. You should maintain a six-foot distance between yourself and the person in front of you.
- As you approach to receive Communion, keep your mask on. When you receive Communion in your hand, step to the side, remove your mask and receive the precious Body of Christ.
- After you've received the Eucharist, put your mask back on and proceed to the nearest church exit.

After Mass:

- Private prayer is not available after Weekend Masses so the church may be cleaned and disinfected before the start of the next Mass.
- We will be utilizing a professional cleaning service to ensure the sanitization of pews, restrooms, door handles and critical surfaces.

We recognize that this process is not without inconvenience and your cooperation and patience are much appreciated. Each individual is responsible to make health decisions that are appropriate for themselves and/or family. While we are making every effort to minimize the transmission of disease, all risk cannot be eliminated. Again, if anyone has a reason to believe that they have been exposed to Covid-19, has a fever, respiratory issues or is simply not feeling well, please stay home. Continue to check our [Parish website](#), [Facebook Page](#) and Flocknotes for updates on added mass times or changes in our process. Most of all, stay safe and healthy!