

NEW GUIDELINES FOR GOING TO CONFESSION

Returning to "Normal" Schedule of Confessions on Saturday Afternoons from 3:30pm until 4:30pm

We have permission from the diocese to return to the Sacrament of Confession. After reading all of the diocesan suggested protocols to ensure the safety of parishioners and priests the following protocols for Confession are implemented as of 25 July 2020:

- Confessions return to the original schedule prior to Covid-19:
 - Saturday afternoon from 3:30PM to 4:30PM
 - Please **DO NOT** attempt to go to Confession after 4:45pm. Father needs time to prepare for the Vigil Mass.
 - No Sign-up is required. The priest will hear as many Confessions as possible. If Confession ends before you are able to receive the sacrament please return next week or call Fr. Dennis to set up a time.
 - Appointments outside of these times may be scheduled privately with Fr. Dennis by texting or calling him at 843.834.5447. You may also email him at pastor@ollchapin.org.
- Confessions will be heard in the Bride/Cry Room. You may go to Confession anonymously standing at the screen or walk past the screen to go face to face with Fr. Dennis—maintaining a six-foot distance.
- As Fr. Dennis is hearing impaired, he may ask penitents to speak up so that he can hear them. To maintain the Seal of the Confessional please be certain to close the door to the Bride/Cry Room when you enter and to leave it open when you depart.
- **Confessions will be heard while standing. This will eliminate the need to sanitize surfaces repeatedly. If you need to be seated bring a folding chair with you from your home.**
- Masks are strongly recommended.

When you arrive at the church please observe the following while waiting for your appointed time:

- Please form lines in narthex, maintaining a six-foot separation. Tape on the narthex floor will help you maintain a safe distance from others. Please stand at the sign in the Narthex when you are next in line for Confession. This sign is placed a discreet distance from the door to the Bride/Cry Room to ensure the Seal of the Sacrament of Confession for anyone going to Confession.
- The Church will be open for you to complete your penance in the Sanctuary. Please observe safe distancing while seated or kneeling at prayer.
- Recorded music will be played in the narthex to ensure the Seal of the Sacrament of Confession.
- The left side glass side door of the church will be unlocked to enter and leave the church.