

## Reopening Weekend Mass Procedures

We are opening St. Paul Church for public Masses after almost 3 months of sheltering in place. We are excited to announce our Mass schedule, which will include 5 Masses.

### Weekend Mass Times

- Saturday at 4:00 pm and 5:30 pm
  - Sunday at 7:00 am, 8:30 am, and 10:00 am.
  - The 10:00 am Mass will continue being livestreamed for the time being.
  - Distribution of Holy Communion will be offered at the east canopy entrance of church for those who viewed Mass at home.
- **PLEASE NOTE:** The bishop's dispensation from the obligation to attend Holy Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation remains in effect for an indefinite period, until further notice. If you are elderly, have underlying health conditions, have compromised immune systems, or are still not comfortable returning to public Mass, you are asked to stay at home and watch the livestreamed Mass from St. Paul or a televised Mass and offer a Spiritual Communion.

### Church Capacity

- **Although we are allowed to have 25% of our church capacity** for each Mass, our required spacing may not allow that many people in the church. Our seating will determine whether we can fit everyone that arrives at the church. If we fill to our allowed capacity, we may have to ask some latecomers to go home and return for the next Mass. Please be patient with this and arrive early.

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- ***\*All are to enter the north main entrance; East (canopy) doors for handicap or elderly only, please.\****
- Each person is **required to bring a facemask** and wear it upon entering church. As we are maintaining enough empty space between pews to allow for safe social distancing, we will not require that masks be worn during the liturgy. So, you may remove your mask during Mass then, put it back on as you exit for Communion and home.
- Parishioners must wait, as they enter, to be seated by a Hospitality Minister.
- Parishioners are asked to sanitize their hands as they enter the church with the available sanitizer at each entrance.

**Hospitality Ministers will seat parishioners** according to the social distancing guidelines set by the Bishop's Task Force. **We must maintain 6 feet of space between persons** who are not sheltered together. Families who are sheltered together, may sit together.

- There will be NO congregational singing for safety reasons.
- For safety reasons, there will be no Offertory collection taken up during Mass. Baskets will be placed at each church exit for your convenience.
- The drop safe will remain in place at the East door for the foreseeable future.
- Outside Communion will continue for the time being after the 10:00 am Sunday livestreamed Mass only and only at the east canopy church entrance. **Times are from 10:45- 11:15 am.**
- At the conclusion of Mass, Hospitality Ministers will usher you out, a pew at a time for Holy Communion. Please be patient.

### **Procedures for Reception of Holy Communion:**

- Approach the clergy or extraordinary minister with your mask on
- Receive Holy Communion in your hand
- Step aside to remove your mask and place the host in your mouth
- Return to your pew (or vehicle if receiving after the 10 am Mass) and offer a prayer of thanksgiving

### **Bulletin**

- As our bulletin is available online and, we have been directed to stop distribution of paper bulletins for safety reasons, we will be printing only a limited number of them for those that do not have access to the bulletin online. Please access the online bulletin if you are able.

### **Mass Volunteers /Ministries**

- The Ministry Scheduler Pro will be enabled again but, with limited ministers at each Mass. If you are not yet comfortable returning to your ministry, please access the MSP system and mark yourself inactive, for the time being, or, email Lorraine or Deanna and they can take care of that for you.

### **Daily Mass**

- **7:00 am Daily Mass has resumed as of Monday, June 8<sup>th</sup>, in church.**
- Those attending must be mindful of social distancing as we will not have folks seating you.
- Daily Mass Schedule:
  - Monday through Thursday at 7:00am
  - Friday at 8:20am.

### **Church Sanitizing**

- For your peace of mind, we want you to know that we are having the church professionally disinfected and sanitized, each week and between Masses, from the front to the back, including the bathrooms. Having said this however, you are always going out in public at your own risk. That is true now during this pandemic, just as it is during the cold and flu season. Our utmost concern is for your health and safety but, we cannot guarantee that you will not become ill when you go out in public.
- Daily Mass attendees will disinfect their area after Mass.

### **Parish Office Hours**

- For the foreseeable future, the Parish office will be open to the public from 9:00 am-1:00 pm Monday through Thursday and 9:00 am-noon on Fridays. The office will not be open on Saturdays and Sundays.

**As we are relieved and happy to be able to celebrate our faith together** as one family once again, we must do so with the health and safety of everyone in mind. The diocese has provided guidelines to follow, in order for us to be able to open to the public once again. We understand that many of these guidelines may seem difficult or restrictive but, they are in place for your health and safety. If we want to remain able to offer public Masses, these things will be required. We have worked VERY hard to put plans in place that will allow us to safely celebrate Mass with the least amount of restrictions possible. We appreciate your understanding, patience and love. We love you and we miss you!!!