Dear Parishioners,

As we move into a new era of Catholic worship, I ask that you please take time to familiarize yourself with the new protocols listed below that will be in effect at All Saints when we begin to gather again for daily Mass, at a date and time yet to be determined. These protocols have been put in place for the health and safety of all who gather to celebrate the Eucharist, and great care has been taken to assure that we will be able to gather as safely as is humanly possible. I do remind you, however, that no environment can ever be assured to be completely risk free. Please be aware that Bishop Cote has announced that for the foreseeable future the obligation to celebrate the Sunday Eucharist has been removed, and everyone is dispensed from this obligation. I’m sure this measure was taken to encourage people to continue to stay home if they are deemed to be at risk in any way.

As we continue to move forward in faith, we ask the Holy Spirit to open our hearts and our minds to this new reality we are experiencing and to guide us more deeply into the peace Christ promises.

Thank you for your understanding and commitment to this new process.

MASS PROTOCOL FOR ALL SAINTS PARISH

❖ Seating will be limited in accordance with State of Connecticut rules (When seating capacity is reached the doors will be closed)
任何人没领圣体的，请坐在中间的过道里，以便更容易在弥撒结束时离开，同时确保安全距离将保持在侧过道里，为那些正在领取圣体的人保持。

任何人健康状况有损害的（或如果你感觉不舒服）此时不得进入教堂。

教友们应在教堂门扉拉开（弥撒开始前的10到15分钟）时留在车里。

所有人都将从正门进入。

请在教堂内保持尊重、庄重的肃静。

弥撒前或后人们不得聚集。

在教堂内必须戴口罩。

请自备洗手液。

圣水容器已清空。

必须保持社交距离。

长椅已被护栏隔开，以符合社交距离标准（所以你最喜欢的长椅可能不可用）。

家庭可以坐在一起，其他人都应保持社交距离。

长椅在每场弥撒后将被消毒。

所有书本和弥撒卡片已被从教堂中移除。
❖ There will be no altar servers assisting at Mass

❖ There will be no singing during Mass and no processions

❖ A collection basket will be placed at the doors of the church for your weekly offering (you may also use electronic giving or mail your donation to the rectory) Collection baskets will not be passed during Mass

❖ The Sign of Peace has been omitted completely

❖ **Communion will be distributed to those wishing to receive after Mass has ended.** Bear in mind that there is no completely safe or sanitary way to distribute or receive Communion

❖ People receiving the Eucharist are to process up the side aisles to the rear of the church. Fr. Gerry will be at the end of the center aisle to distribute the Eucharist

❖ Those not receiving Communion are to proceed down the center aisle and exit through the side doors

❖ The floor will be clearly marked to maintain proper distancing

❖ Those receiving Communion should wait near the last pew on the side aisle until the person on the other side of the church has received Communion

❖ Communion will be distributed only on the hand. **Gloves may not be worn when receiving Communion.** When you have received the Eucharist you are to step aside, remove your mask and place the Host in your mouth, then immediately replace your mask

❖ Once you have received, pray a brief prayer of thanksgiving, and exit through the front door

❖ No one will be allowed to enter the sacristy
❖ The church will not be air conditioned. The windows will be open to allow for better circulation of air

❖ Please do not leave anything in the pews or in the church

❖ These protocols will be revised as necessary to ensure that we are gathering in the safest and most sensible way possible

Certainly, all of this is new for everyone and it will take some time for us all to adjust to these changes. Please keep in mind that if these safety measures are not met, we will not be able to gather at all. Obviously, this is not the Mass we are used to celebrating. Please be patient. Please be kind. Please be understanding.

Peace,

Fr. Gerry