

Keeping Pace With Diocesan & NYS Guidelines

The Diocese of Rockville Centre and New York State requires that:

**ALL PEOPLE MUST BE MASKED TO ENTER
ALL PARISH BUILDINGS
REGARDLESS OF VACCINATION STATUS.**

“The Governor of New York State has included houses of worship in her recent directives. Therefore, since the Church does not require parishioners to present proof of vaccination in order to worship God, we ask that all parishioners (two years of age and older) comply with the requirement to wear masks when participating in any activity on parish grounds. This State requirement is currently in effect until further notice. We will continue to adapt accordingly as new information becomes available. Your patience and Christian charity towards one another during this difficult time is appreciated.” (Diocese of Rockville Centre Office of the Vicar General)

For the health, safety, and respect of others, we ask you to continue to use common sense in maintaining social distance from others when choosing your seat in the church.

At Communion time, for the safety of all, please receive the Host in your hands, step to the side, lift your mask, place the Host in your mouth, lower your mask, and return to your pew. Please consume the Eucharist before returning to your seat.

If you want to receive Communion on your tongue, please go to the very end of the priest’s line for the safety of everyone.

The Sign of Peace or other greetings will not be exchanged.

The Bishop’s dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass and Holy Days of Obligation due to the ongoing pandemic has now been lifted. As usual, this obligation does not apply to those who are ill, those who are confined to their home, a hospital, or nursing facility, those with serious underlying health conditions or those who are caring for a vulnerable family member. If you do not feel well, please stay home.

Our Sunday worship will continue to be livestreamed on Saturdays at 5pm and Sundays at 11am, and will continue to be posted on the website for those who fall into any of the categories listed above.

Our priority continues to be for the safety and health of everyone. We appreciate your patience, understanding and cooperation, and will continue to keep you updated on changes as we move forward.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Suglia

