



# Saint Sylvester R.C. Church

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Dear Parishioners,

We have been given direction from the Diocese of Rockville Centre to reopen for the public celebration of Mass within State Guidelines.

**Please note the following important information:**

- At this time, the bishop still dispenses all the faithful from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass and Holy Days of Obligation.
- Our Sunday worship will continue to be posted on the website for those who are vulnerable, for those who have a health impairment that would make them more susceptible to serious illness, for those who might not be feeling well, or have a fever, and for those who are caretakers for other people who are vulnerable. If you are in any of these situations, you are encouraged to continue to remain at home and worship online.
- One bathroom will be open for emergency use only! Please use restroom at home!
- **There is a mandatory online reservation system for all who wish to attend Mass. Please register by going to [www.stsylvesterli.org](http://www.stsylvesterli.org)**
- **Please print out your registration information or have available on your phone as you will be asked to show your registration before entering the church.**
- **Masks or other face coverings must be worn by all participants.**
- Please arrive 15 minutes before Mass so your reservation may be confirmed and you may be shown to your seat. Capacity at this time is limited to 25%.
- Seating will be done according to social distancing guidelines. Please understand that you most likely will not be sitting in your “usual” seat. Families may sit together at Mass. There is no “saving seats” or asking to be seated in a particular seat.
- The Offertory procession and passing of the basket will be omitted.

*“They devoted themselves to the teaching of the apostles and to the communal life, to the breaking of bread and to the prayers.” Act 2:44*

- If you wish to make a contribution, there will be a basket on your way out.
- The Sign of Peace or other greetings will not be exchanged.
- **Directions will be given for Communion, which will be distributed after Mass as you are leaving the church. Please follow the directions of the ushers.**
- No bulletins will be distributed. Please read the bulletin online.
- Please go directly to your car, as no congregating is permitted.
- We will continue to keep you updated on changes as we move forward.

This is a work in progress, so as we move forward there may be changes. We appreciate your patience and want you to know that our first priority is that those attending Mass will be safe.

Yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Fr. A. Suglia".

Fr. Suglia