

Dear Parishioners of Christ Sun of Justice:

Now that opening of churches is permitted, Mass will be celebrated at Christ Sun of Justice parish at 11:00 AM and at 5:00 PM on Sundays and at 7pm each Wednesday evening. Sunday Masses will resume on June 14 and the 7pm Wednesday night Mass will begin on June 17.

There are very strict conditions imposed on reopening churches. Please read this letter carefully and be prepared to comply with all of these conditions. They are mandated by the Diocese of Albany.

Since there are limits on the number that can attend each Sunday Mass, due to capacity limitations as well as spacing requirements, everyone hoping to attend a Sunday Mass **MUST** register in advance.

Attendance at each Sunday Mass is limited to 50 persons including the presider, lectors, music ministry, etc. (Hopefully this number will increase in the near future.)

You can register your attendance at Sunday Mass by either going on the parish website (chapelculturalcenter.net) and finding the link to signing up, OR by calling the Chapel and Cultural Center at 518-274-7793 and leaving a message on the appropriate extension. Telephone sign up must be done no later than 3:00pm on the Friday prior to the Sunday Mass.

Please identify which Mass you are planning to attend and how many will be attending with you.

If the 50 slots have been filled at the time you register, you will be so advised and placed on a waiting list if you desire.

If you do register, please plan to attend. If your plans change, please call the Chapel and Cultural Center at 518-274-7793 no later than 3:00 pm on the Friday prior so others can fill your slot(s).

PLEASE PLAN TO ARRIVE AT LEAST 15 MINUTES BEFORE MASS

Each attendee must fill out, in advance, a form that lists their name, address, phone number, and email address. This information is required so that, if necessary, contact tracing can be done. Contact tracing will only be done if someone attending Mass is later confirmed to have COVID-19.

This form also includes a brief health survey. Each attendee must fill this out as well.

If you answer “YES” to any of the questions on the Health Survey, please don’t come to Mass since we cannot allow you to remain on the premises.

This form must be completed and turned in EACH TIME you attend Mass. **A COPY OF THE FORM IS ATTACHED** You can either duplicate this form for future use OR you can provide the required information in handwritten form.

This completed form is your “ticket” for attendance at Mass. It will be verified at the door of the church as you enter and then placed in a receptacle. The contents of the receptacle will be untouched unless there is cause for contact tracing. The forms will be held in a secure location and accessed by only one person. After 14 days, the forms will be destroyed by shredding.

Forms will not be available at Mass. You must bring your completed form with you.

A greeter will take your temperature by scanning your forehead as you enter the premises. It only takes a second. If your temperature is 99.5 degrees or higher, you will not be permitted to remain.

The church will have been cleaned and sanitized in accordance with Diocesan and CDC Guidelines.

You must enter the church at the front door. Please observe social distancing while entering.

Everyone over the age of 2 must wear a mask.

Please bring hand sanitizer with you to use as you enter the church and after communion. There will also be hand sanitizer available at the entrance to the church.

An usher/greeter will direct you to your seat. Seats will be filled from the front to the back in the front area of the church in order to minimize contact. If there is need to use the seats in the back area of the church, seating will be filled from the back to the front, again, in order to minimize contact.

You must not move any of the chairs. They are spaced in accordance with the Diocesan Guidelines. Small children may sit on an adult lap but must remain there for the duration of the Mass.

You must remain seated in the church. There can be no socializing other than from your seat.

Please do your best to remain in the church for the duration of the Mass. Leave only in an emergency. If you need to leave, go to the entrance area and an usher/greeter will assist you.

Only the handicapped restroom will be available, located by the coat rack, across from the church entrance. Since the restroom needs to be cleaned and sanitized after each use (again, Diocesan Guidelines), please make every effort NOT to need it!

There will be no hymn books or bulletins (you can find the bulletin on line). Please do not bring any missals, or other paper material to church with you.

The collection basket will be available by the doors into the church when you enter, and again when you leave the church at the end of Mass. Please support our parish!

At communion, an usher will direct you. We will proceed to the altar area in a single line, spaced 6 feet apart, by row. After you receive communion in your hand, please move to the side, lift your mask to consume the host, and replace your mask. Please return to your seat by either of the side aisles.

At the end of Mass, you must leave by the right hand door into the corridor and turn right, proceed to the font area, turn left and leave the building by the door onto the patio. Again, this is required by Diocesan Guidelines. Please observe social distancing as you leave, and please, no conversing or socializing on the way out – and until you leave the church premises. We know how important it will be to reunite with fellow parishioners but please adhere to this directive.

While these restrictions may seem onerous, they are there to protect us all.

PLEASE NOTE that no advance registration will be required at this time for daily Mass. However, all of the other restrictions/requirements apply.

We may have to readjust these directives as things change and/or Diocesan Guidelines require. We are also hopeful of having our Masses live streamed. Please consult the Chapel and Cultural Center website (chapelandculturalcenter.net) for information on live streaming.

Welcome back!