

## Notre Dame Church – Infant Baptism

In accordance with the Archdiocese of Newark's reopening of churches directives, please read the following information regarding Infant Baptisms.

**Please note there will be a risk for anyone who enters the church. Even with best health practices, sanitizing and strict social distancing, anyone who enters a public space (even a church) should recognize there is a risk of contracting COVID-19.**

### Baptism Directives

- Anyone with a fever or other flu-like symptoms should not come to church.
- If you have guests coming from a state on the mandated quarantine list, we ask that you kindly comply with New Jersey State protocol and guidelines.
- It is important for you and your family to **arrive 15 minutes before** the time of your scheduled Baptism.
- While in the church and on church grounds, you must maintain 6 feet social distancing between individuals and/or households at all times.
- Masks must be worn at all times while on church property. This includes children ages 2 and older.
- Parish center restrooms are closed. There is a church restroom available near the main entrance for "emergency" use only.
- The total number of people allowed to be present (excluding the infant) is 25, which includes the priest, assisting minister, the parents, and 2 godparents, leaving 19 additional guests.
- You must enter the building through the parish center doors. All other church doors are for emergency exit only.
- A staff member will greet you in the parish center lobby and will direct you into the church.
- Upon entering the church, a Baptism Team member will lead you to your family's designated seating area. No one may enter without wearing a mask.
- Each infant will be called to the font for baptism, one at a time, with their parents and godparents only. After your child's Baptism, you will be directed to return to your designated seats.
- During the ceremony, you are allowed to take pictures, video or live stream the Baptism.
- At the conclusion of the service, please exit the church through the parish center doors. All other doors are for emergency exit only. You will be directed by the Baptism Team member as to when to exit the church.
- You are welcome to take photographs outside on the church grounds.

**Thank you for your cooperation!**