

Reopening of Sunday Masses

at St John the Evangelist Parish



Please carefully read the following procedures to attend Mass safely

Obligation to attend Mass has been dispensed until September 6th 2020. Please attend only if you feel it is safe and if you do not display symptoms of COVID-19.

FACEMASKS ARE REQUIRED

Face masks are required and must be worn upon arrival and through the entire time you are in the church, unless you have a medical condition that does not allow you to wear a mask. Children under two years of age are also exempt from this policy. It is recommended you bring hand sanitizer with you. Masks are available at the entrance, if you need one.

Maximum Occupancy 100 Persons

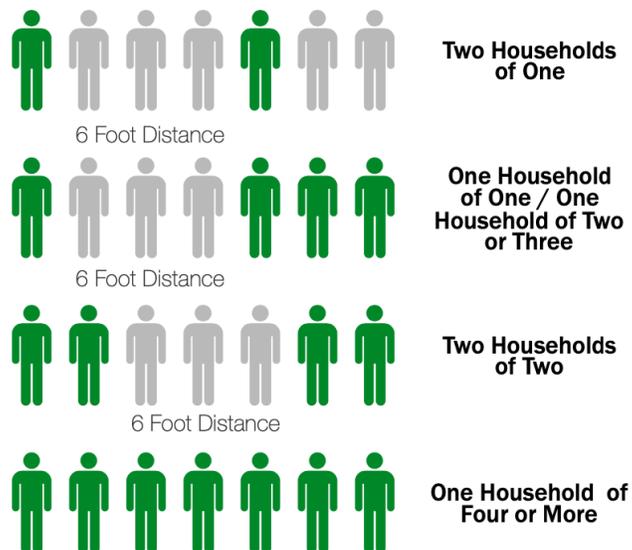
Occupancy: The maximum occupancy, as designated by the Archdiocese of Hartford, is 100 persons, while keeping a six foot distance between households. We will admit people into the church until our maximum capacity is reached. Once there is no room for additional individuals, our staff will let you know when the next Mass will be offered. Reservations will not be taken for Mass attendance. We recommend arriving 20 minutes early.

Arrival to Church: Please drive around the back of church and park as you normally would. *If the church has already reached capacity, a volunteer will inform you that the church is fully occupied. Your understanding and cooperation is appreciated.*

Entering the Building: Since we are required to limit the occupancy of the building to 100 persons, **admittance will be only through the parking lot side door.** Doors open 25 minutes before Mass begins. A volunteer will be at the door to allow admittance and count persons. Households will be admitted one at a time. Please avail yourself to the hand sanitizer dispenser. The offertory box will be available as you enter the church.

Seating: A staff member will guide you to an available seat. Available seating has been calculated to observe a **six foot distance**. You will notice one in every three pews will be available. Each pew will allow for one of several household size combinations, as depicted below. The church will be considered “full” once all available seats have been filled or once occupancy reaches 100 persons. *Please be flexible with the seat our volunteers guide you to.*

Pew Seating Combinations to Allow for a 6 Foot Distance



Liturgy: The liturgy will exclude any processions, use of altar servers and other ministers, congregational singing, signs of peace, and offertory collections. There will be music, however, the missals have been removed from the pews and will be led only by the music ministry.

Procedure for Receiving Holy Communion

- 1) An usher will signal each pew to come forward for communion.
- 2) Use the floor tapings to keep proper distance as you come forward for communion.
- 3) Keep your mask on while approaching the priest.
- 4) The priest will place the host onto your hand.
- 5) Step aside to the taping indicating the reception area.
- 6) Remove your mask.
- 7) Consume the host.
- 8) Replace your mask.
- 9) Return to your pew.

Please Note:

To ensure the safety of the congregation and celebrant, it is strongly encouraged that you receive the Eucharist on your hand, at this time.

Exiting the Church: Please follow the arrows in the aisles to maintain a single travel direction. You can exit from any of the three doors. We ask for a prompt departure so the pews can be sanitized.

Restrooms: The restrooms on the lower level are available for use and are cleaned once a day.