



## **RETURN TO PUBLIC CELEBRATION OF THE MASS**

**Daily Mass | Monday – Saturday | 8am | Church**

**Saturday Vigil Mass | 4:15pm | Church**

**Sunday Mass | 9:30am and 5pm | Church**

**Sunday Mass | 7:30am – Mask Required\* | Parish Center**

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As the weeks go by, people may become less likely to wear a mask or other face coverings to Mass here at the Church of St. Patrick. This does NOT mean those individuals do not love their neighbor. We want to be welcoming to all while also being a place of refuge from the politics surrounding this world-wide pandemic. We realize that WHEN and HOW to return to 'normal' activities - such as attending Mass - is an important personal decision that everyone must make for themselves as the country gradually reopens.

\*For those who are uncomfortable being near others who are NOT wearing a mask - and who wish to celebrate the Mass with other like-minded individuals - we will begin offering a 7:30am Mass at the Parish Center starting Sunday, June 28<sup>th</sup>. Attendance will be limited to 120 persons and the chairs have been placed with social distancing in mind. Masks will be REQUIRED for entry into the Parish Center for this Mass. While some may be disappointed that this Mass is not being offered in the Church, there is simply not enough time between Masses to properly clean the pews, doors and bathrooms, as is required for the health and wellness of all attending. Music will be included as part of the 7:30am Mass.

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**The obligation to attend Sunday Mass is now dispensed until September 1, 2020.**  
**Individuals 65+ years of age, especially those with compromised immune systems or underlying health conditions, and those anxious about being in a large group are encouraged to stay home.**  
**Mass will continue to be available on our website for remote viewing**

## Mass Attendance Guidelines

Attendance is limited to 50% capacity (550) and pews will be marked for social distancing of 6'

Anyone with a fever or flu-like symptoms should not come to Mass

Parishioners should wait in their vehicles until the entrance doors have been propped open and Ushers are available to assist with an orderly entrance to the pews (approximately 30 minutes prior to Mass)

A facemask should be worn by all Parishioners

Pews, door handles, and restrooms will be cleaned between Masses

No physical contact during the Sign of Peace is allowed and there should be no hand holding or other physical contact during the recitation of the Lord's Prayer

All distributors of Holy Communion must wear a facemask and Communion is to be received ONLY in the HAND (no exceptions)

Communion lines will require social distancing – marked lines on the floor will assist you

All Missals, prayer cards and envelopes have been removed from the pews and there will be no paper bulletins (available online only)

Offertory collection boxes will be available at the exits - collection baskets will not be passed person-to-person

The celebrant will provide directions for dismissal so that an orderly exit with proper social distancing can be observed

Until further notice, all Parish activities remain suspended. This includes group meetings such as Bible Study, Knights of Columbus, Youth Group, Rosary Groups and any other organized Parish activity other than the Sacred Liturgy

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**There is a risk for anyone who attends a public Mass to contract COVID-19**

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