

Protocols for the Resumption of Public Masses at Immaculate Conception Parish

1. Dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday and Holy Day Masses remains in place as directed by the Most Rev. Lawrence T. Persico, Bishop of Erie.
2. Mass will continue to be broadcast every Sunday morning at 8:30 a.m. on 94.1 FM and 1300 AM and at 11:00 a.m. on YouTube at the link on the parish website:
<http://www.icclarion.org>
3. Masks are mandatory for all events at Immaculate Conception Parish.
4. Rest rooms will be locked and available only for emergencies.
5. With participants limited to 1/3 of the building capacity, available seating for the foreseeable future is 180. However, we have determined only **130** adults can be seated safely. (Parents: Children seated with you under the age of Confirmation will not be counted as part of the 130).
6. The doors will open 25 minutes before the scheduled start of Mass—3:35, 8:05, 10:35—and no one will be seated after the Mass begins.
7. You will not be selecting your seat. Seating will be from front-to-back to facilitate maximum utilization of space and accurate counting.
8. For the distribution of Holy Communion:
 - Communicants will process single file;
 - Receive the Sacred Host on the palm of your hand, outstretched and flat. **DO NOT CUP YOUR HAND OR FLEX YOUR FINGERS;**
 - Say “Amen” loudly and clearly;
 - Do not touch—or cause the Priest or Eucharistic minister to touch—your hands. If that happens, those distributing Holy Communion must stop, put down the ciborium, re-sanitize their hands, and then proceed to resume distribution.
 - Cover the Sacred Host with your hand, carry it back to your seat and consume it in your pew.
 - Parents, please review and practice this procedure with your children before Mass and be certain they consume the Sacred Host in the pew.
9. Beginning July 6, 2020, daily Masses this summer: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday at 12:10 p.m.
10. On Saturdays when the Sacrament of Penance is scheduled, you must be present by 3:00 for instruction about the new reality for celebrating that sacrament at Immaculate Conception. If you arrive after 3:00 p.m. you will be instructed to return at a later date.

I look forward to seeing you back at Sunday Mass when you determine it is safe for you to do so! Peace, Father Monty