

RESUMING MASSES AT STE. ANNE'S

Dear Holy People of God,

Welcome Home! God is good, all the time! And all the time, God is good!

As you know, we have been carefully planning for the re-opening of Ste. Anne's and have taken every necessary caution to ensure your safety. It is important that each of you are aware of the requirements for attending Mass and ensure that you have followed all safety practices in order to attend. This is a work in progress and adjustments will be made based on the latest information from the Archdiocese and the Governor.

Dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass is still in effect. People over the age of 65 and those with underlying health conditions are advised/encouraged to stay home and watch the Mass on TV.

You should stay home: if you feel sick; if you suspect you may be sick; if you have a sick family member at home; if you should be under self-quarantine due to possible contact with a Covid-19 patient; or if you are in the vulnerable population as defined by the CDC (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/need-extra-precautions/people-at-higher-risk.html>).

Following the guidelines of the lesser of 40% of capacity or social distancing of 6 feet apart, there are **54 available seats per Mass**. Parishioners must schedule in advance to attend Mass by signing up through our website (www.stannesalem.org). Those without computer access can call the Parish Office at 978.744.1930 to sign up (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday between the hours of 9 am - Noon).

Mass times are as follows:

Saturday: 4:00 pm; Sunday: 8:30 am, 11:00 am

Daily Mass will be held in the Main Church beginning on June 8th at 9:00 am.

Masks are required at all times, including when you walk up to receive Communion. Masks should remain on until you receive the host in your hand. Step aside and remove your mask

to consume the host, and then replace the mask and return to your pew. We will maintain Social Distancing (6' separation entering, sitting, and exiting the church). The Courtyard entrance will be the only entry and exit. The doors of the church will be opened 20 minutes before each Mass. Social Distance will be marked. Offertory will be collected as you enter church. An Usher will escort you to a pew. We will begin seating people at the front of the church. There will be no missalettes in the pews. Personal missalettes or phone apps may be used to follow along with the readings if desired. **There will be NO CONGREGATIONAL SINGING.** Ushers will direct the flow for Communion.

When Mass is over, please do not gather in the back of church or in the Courtyard, but continue to maintain social distancing as you exit the building and head directly to your car. Ushers will direct everyone as to how and when to exit.

We will continue to keep you informed via e-mail blasts, through our website (www.stannesalem.org), on our Facebook page, and in the bulletin. I encourage anyone who is not receiving an e-mail with the bulletin and the notice of the video-taped Mass to send their e-mail address to Annette in the Parish Office at annette.pezzulo@stannesalem.org.

God Bless,
Fr. Maurice