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ASSUMPTION PARISH

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Assumption Policies for Sunday Masses

Everyone should be aware that **the dispensation from the obligation to participate in Sunday and Holy Day Masses remains in effect** until further notice. This means that the obligation to attend Mass is suspended. If you are not comfortable with going back to Mass, or if you have any underlying health conditions, or your age makes you more vulnerable to Covid 19, then you are encouraged to stay home and continue participating in the Liturgy of the Mass through livestreaming. We will also continue to livestream the daily 12:05 Mass.

Mass Times, Church Cleaning and Pew Configuration

- In order to allow for proper disinfecting of the church between Masses, our weekend Masses will be held at **5:30 pm on Saturday and at 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., and 12:15 p.m.** on Sunday. There will be no 7:00 a.m. Sunday Mass.
- The church will be cleaned and disinfected between Masses. **We need at least 8 volunteers per Mass** to clean the church. If we do not have the volunteers, we may have to reconsider the number of Masses we can offer. If you are between the ages of 18 and 60, and have no underlying health conditions, please consider volunteering for our Covid Compliance Crew. Contact Bill Duggan, our Crew Coordinator via email at wcdugganjr@hotmail.com, or call him at 973-960-6417. Training and PPE will be provided.
- Pews available for seating will be numbered and configured for social distancing regulations and the size of your household group. The number of people allowed to attend each mass will be determined by state regulations.

Reserving Your Seat and Attending Mass

- With a restricted number of people allowed to be at each Mass, parishioners must reserve a seat to attend Mass. The reservation process will be done online through a link on our parish website. Each household must list the names of those attending Mass and contact information for the head of household. This information is necessary for contact tracing in the event someone at that Mass tests positive for Covid. **A printout of your reservation confirmation will be needed for you to gain admission into the church.**
- Reservation for Mass will be on a week by week basis. Households can reserve seats to attend one Mass per weekend. The reservation link will go live Tuesdays at 9:00 a.m. and will close Thursdays at noon for the following weekend. Once all seats are filled you will not be able to make a reservation.
- There will be a small number of reservations accepted by phone **only for those who do not use the internet**. Call 973-539-2141 ext. 11 for phone reservations. Your reservation information will be confirmed by phone from the office.
- Entrance into the church will be through the Maple Avenue doors only. Doors will open 15 minutes before each Mass to allow time for you to present your reservation confirmation to the ushers. You must present your reservation confirmation to the usher and he/she will help you find your assigned pew.

- Protective Masks must be worn for anyone attending Mass. (Those 2 years of age and under are not required to wear a mask.) We strongly recommend you bring your own hand sanitizer to be used just before receiving communion. Anyone refusing to wear a mask or face covering will not be able to enter the church.
- Bathrooms should only be used in the case of emergency, and disinfecting supplies will be available for you to clean after you have used the bathroom. This is necessary to protect the health of others. Children must be accompanied by an adult.
- At the conclusion of Mass pews will exit the church row by row, with the help of our ushers. You must leave the church when Mass ends so that our Compliance Crew can clean the church in preparation for the next Mass. You will leave through the Maple Avenue door and the side doors of the church. No private prayer will be allowed. We regret this necessary restriction.
- Parishioners should then return to their cars. Please do not congregate outside the church.

During Mass

- All Missalettes and Hymnals and cushions have been removed from the church. A weekly worship aid will be sent via Flocknote for you to print and bring to Mass if you choose. You are also welcome to bring your own cushion.
- All prayers will be recited. There may be instrumental music, but no singing.
- There will be large baskets for you to place your offertory envelope at the main entrance and by the two side doors as you exit. There will be no offertory procession.
- The process for receiving communion will be explained at the Mass. The strong recommendation is that all parishioners receive the Eucharist by hand. Please use your hand sanitizer first.
- The priest celebrating the Mass will guide us through any other modifications.

Thank you for reading, understanding and accepting these policies that are necessary for our safety and well being. Once again, we ask that everyone approach this reopening with a patient, loving and charitable mindset, and always with gratitude to God for the gift of the Eucharist.