



St. Francis of Assisi Parish

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Dear Parishioners,

I pray that you and your family are well and safe during this challenging time. It has been difficult for all of us not being able to worship God together in the Church.

I am writing to inform you about the next phase regarding the schedule and procedures of all Masses and events.

Beginning the weekend of June 13th and 14th, Mass will resume in our Church under conditions provided to us by the State, CDC, and Diocese of Bridgeport. Currently the capacity limit for indoor Masses is the lesser of 25% fire code occupancy or 100 people (including clergy, staff, volunteers, and attendees). Fire code dictates that at St. Francis, 25% would allow a maximum of 84 people at each Mass, however, it has been determined that we can safely and efficiently accommodate only 75 individuals. We arrived at this limit based on applying social distancing guidelines that would allow for only single individuals attending as well as up to six household groups of up to eight people, arriving and sitting together throughout the Mass.

Once the church is filled to socially distanced capacity, we will offer overflow seating in the hall, where the Mass underway in the church will be streamed.

Beginning next week, we will be registering 75 people (the number we can accommodate safely and efficiently) for each Mass. Please know that while registering guarantees you the ability to attend Mass, seating in the Church is on a first come first serve basis.

Please keep in mind that each parish's procedures may differ, depending on its size, the location and types of gatherings and the capacity of its facilities. I appreciate your patience and ask that if you come to Mass, you respect the practices and procedures at St. Francis parish in order for us to provide public worship in a safe way.

Please see the revised Mass schedule and Phase II guidelines on the back of this letter.

Faithfully yours in Christ,

Rev. Jeffrey W. Couture, Pastor

June 8, 2020

Mass Schedule as of June 13/14

Saturday	9:00am	Church
	5:00pm	Tent
Sunday	8:00am	Church (<i>streaming available for hall overflow and home</i>)
	9:30am	Tent
	11:00am	Church (<i>streaming available for hall overflow and home</i>)
	5:00pm	Tent
Mon-Fri	7:00am Rosary	Church
	7:30am Mass	Church (<i>streaming available for home</i>)
Wednesday	3pm Adoration	Church

Phase II Guidelines

- **Mass obligation is waived until further notice from the Bishop.**
- No one who feels ill or has any of the symptoms given by CDC should be out in public.
- All attendees must register via the parish website: stfrancisweston.org
- All members of the congregation must wear face masks from the time they enter the church until they return to their cars.
- Face masks may be removed only when receiving Holy Communion.
- Rest rooms will remain closed during Phase II.
- Pews have been marked for social distancing. Attendees must follow the seating guidelines.
- Hand sanitizer is to be used by parishioners as they enter and leave the church.
- Communicants must use hand sanitizer at the head of the aisle prior to and after receiving Communion.
- Offertory collection boxes are at the rear of the church. Donations may be made before or after Mass.
- At the conclusion of Mass, attendees must leave under the direction of the ushers.
- Congregating in any part of the church, including the vestibule, before or after Mass is not permitted.
- Public areas in the church are cleaned and sanitized after every Mass.
- For the full Diocesan guidelines concerning the resumption of Masses, go to the parish website, stfrancisweston.org, and scroll to the "News" section. Click on "Resumption of Public Worship."