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Alleluia!

The Cardinal has declared that we may OPEN for DAILY Mass beginning, Monday, June 15.

We will celebrate the 7:00 a.m. and 12:10 p.m. Masses, Monday – Friday with the guidelines posted on the attached pages.

As soon as we hear of Sunday Mass openings we will confirm with you. We are looking towards the end of June.

We are only allowed 50 people per Mass so please be considerate of others who may want to attend when planning which days to attend.

A mask must be worn and social distancing adhered to.

Fr Johan and I are very excited to be able to celebrate with you again and pray that we ALL may be together again soon.

Rev. William A. Mahon  
Pastor

## **Procedures for Resuming Worship**

### **Step 1: Decide whether you should come to Mass.**

Although we long to have everyone back together, IT IS VERY IMPORTANT FOR YOU TO DECIDE IF YOU ARE WELL ENOUGH TO ATTEND. Cardinal Tobin has dispensed the faithful of the Diocese of Newark from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass and Holy Day Masses until further notice. We want to emphasize that anyone who is at an increased risk of complications from COVID-19, who is sick in any way, having an underlying medical condition or anyone who feels unsafe in the current situation should take advantage of the dispensation. We will continue to LiveStream Masses.

**There will be a Maximum of 50 people allowed at Masses.**

### **2. Before Coming to Mass.**

- Please be mindful that only 50 people will be allowed in the church, regardless of Age.
- Be aware that you are entering a no-touch, no-physical contact zone. Please do not shake hands. Everyone must wear a mask and use hand sanitizer. Please do not leave anything behind such as tissues, masks and gloves.
- Please use the bathroom at home before arriving at the church. Restrooms should only be used in an emergency. Children under 12 must be accompanied to the restroom by an adult. Supplies to wipe down the restroom will be available for your use.

### **3. When you Arrive.**

- When you arrive, you will be met by a Greeter to determine if there is space available. Please be patient while waiting to enter the church.
- There will be one Entrance, the single door closest to the rectory.
- Please be sure your mask is on and sanitize your hands upon entering the church.
- We have removed all liturgical books. You are free to bring your Magnificat or the Daily Readings found online.

- There will be no singing as it requires projected voices, which increases the risk of the virus.
- The Sign of the Peace remains No Hands.
- There will not be an offertory procession. We will place baskets on the back tables if you wish to leave your offertory. You may also continue to mail in, or drop off at the Rectory. On-line giving is also available.

### **Reception of Holy Communion.**

- Social Distancing should be maintained as you approach for holy Communion. The aisles will be marked ONE WAY. Please follow the directions of the Priests or Greeters. The distribution of the Precious Blood is still suspended.
- Communion ministers will be masked and will sanitize their hands immediately before and after the distribution of Communion.
- When approaching the Communion minister, with your mask on, the communicant should make a slight bow of the head, receive the Blessed Sacrament in your hand, step to the side, lift your mask, consume the host, then replace your mask before returning to your seat.

### **At the End of Mass**

- Remain in your pew until dismissal. We will dismiss one pew at a time to maintain social distancing.
- Bulletins will not be available for the near future. Please access it by the website, [www.olpnp.com](http://www.olpnp.com).

Thank you for worshipping with us whether you are in Church or participating online at home. Your presence enhances the experience for all of us.

Please be patient as we figure this out together!  
Changes will be made as needed.