



Friday, June 5, 2020

RE: HOLY FAMILY RESUMING MASS – NEW DIRECTIVES

Good Morning,

With Holy Family Church opening for regular worship there are a few precautions necessary to ensure your and everybody's safety from the Covid-19 virus. Below is a list of changes or new practices:



- First, the Bishop of Trenton has extended the dispensation from Mass till Monday, September 7 for those who are hesitant or fearful, or those who are not feeling well, or have Covid symptoms should stay home.
- All are required to wear a mask. The priest-presider will not wear a mask while saying Mass, but will during the distribution of communion. At all times, he will stay a safe distance in the sanctuary and sacristy where no one else is permitted to go.
- Daily weekday Mass will now be held Monday through Saturday at 8 a.m., beginning June 8.
- The weekend Mass schedule will be: Saturday at 5 p.m. and Sunday at 8 a.m., 11 a.m., and 5 p.m., beginning June 13/14.
- Daily weekday Mass will be held in the main church so people can sit at a safe distance.
- For daily weekday Mass, the only entrance to the Church will be the side door of the large parking lot.
- For Sunday weekend Masses, the only entrance will be the back doors by the highway.
- There will be no offertory during Mass, therefore, there will be receptacles for envelopes at the entrance for use before Mass.
- There will be no communal morning prayer before daily weekday Mass.
- The Church will be sanitized after each Mass.
- Holy Water will not be available.
- Prayer candles will not be available to light.
- The restrooms will be open and sanitized regularly.
- The congregation will be dismissed in an orderly manner after Mass to ensure safe distancing.
- It is recommended to receive communion by hand. When someone receives by mouth, the minister must stop and wash hands before offering communion to next recipient.
- The communion line will work differently. This will be explained in more detail before Mass.
- There will be garbage receptacles at each exit.
- Confession will be held regularly on Saturday at 3:30-4:30 before the Holy Family Altar.

God Bless and see you soon!
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Pastor