

- ◆ Cleaning teams made up of parishioners will ensure the building is cleaned between services/gatherings.
- ◆ The restrooms located next to the parish hall will be available for use. All other rooms/restrooms will be restricted.
- ◆ Pastoral care to those in high-risk categories for contracting the virus remains restricted.
- ◆ If someone who has attended a service is later diagnosed with COVID-19, they should contact the church immediately. Attempts will be made to contact those who attended that service. The name of the parishioner who tested positive will not be disclosed without written permission of the individual.

EXITING THE CHURCH AFTER WORSHIP

- ◆ Worshipers will check their seating area at the end of the service. Bulletins, any used paper products, should be gathered and disposed of in the garbage cans at the back of the church.
- ◆ Masks will be worn until worshipers have exited the church.
- ◆ All worshipers will wait to be dismissed. The ushers will dismiss the congregation by rows.
- ◆ There will not be a receiving line in the church after the service.

MODERATELY LIMITED GATHERINGS

- ◆ Increased number of persons allowed for public worship, according to guidelines set by health officials.
- ◆ Continued physical distancing and masking requirements likely.
- ◆ Restrictive practices may still guide the celebration of the Eucharist, congregational singing, passing the peace, etc. with gradual easing.
- ◆ Restrictions eased on office/classroom gathering, within guidelines.
- ◆ Larger group ministries (youth groups, camps, classes) may resume within established guidelines.

PROCEDURE FOR HOLY COMMUNION (*when reinstated*)

- ◆ No one is required to partake of Holy Communion by receiving the consecrated bread and wine. A prayer for spiritual communion will be printed in the bulletin for those desiring to ask for God's presence while others are receiving the elements.
- ◆ The priests, wearing masks, will sanitize their hands before making any physical contact with the communion elements and vessels.
- ◆ Worshipers will come to the front of the nave to receive. Socially distancing will be observed.
- ◆ The priest will place the wafer into each worshiper's open hands. After receiving, communicants should return to their seats.



RE-ENTRY PLAN

“For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”
Matthew 18:20

A PRAYER FOR PERSEVERANCE AND RENEWAL

Creating God, your reign of love makes all things new: Plant seeds of confidence and gladness in our hearts so that, trusting in your word, we may live no longer for ourselves but for him who died and was raised for us, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

GROW IN GOD, ACT IN SERVICE, WITNESS IN LOVE.

WHAT'S NEXT?

Since the end of March, our understanding of how we interact with one another drastically changed due to the spread of COVID-19. Before anyone knew what was happening, stores and restaurants were closed, schools transitioned to online learning, and faith communities no longer gathered in-person for worship and service. At one time or another, we have all asked, "When will this end?" We don't have an answer to that question, however we can tell you our first priority is the health and well-being of our entire community. Those who are most vulnerable to this disease remain our primary concern.

As our county moves through the various phases we will begin our re-entry into our physical campus. Please be prepared—when we return to worship in-person things are going to look different. Yet, what is most important will remain: our relationships, our prayers, the scriptures and the proclamation of the Good News, and our shared faith. We encourage you to remember that loving our neighbors often requires intentional sacrifices.

We have included in this correspondence a breakdown of each phase of re-entry at St. John's. You will notice many adjustments to our worship and community life. As we navigate these next steps, we invite your questions and concerns. We recognize this is a fluid situation and changes may be necessary to our plan. Please know we continue to seek out the wise council of those in the medical field and our diocesan leadership when making these decisions.

We continue to be amazed at the creativity and resilience of our community of faith. The Holy Spirit continues to move among us and for that we are grateful!

NO LIVE IN-PERSON GATHERINGS (*Stay-at-Home*)

- ◆ During the red phase, all worship services will be held online. We will utilize social media and Zoom for gatherings including Virtual Coffee Hour, Sunday School, Youth Group, Adult Formation, Men and Women's Groups, etc.
- ◆ Pastoral care via telephone, online, mail (*no Eucharistic Visitors or hospital visits*).
- ◆ Continued ministries of service and compassion within protocols of safety. Our main focus in the red phase includes the food pantry and the rector's discretionary fund to assist people experiencing financial hardship.

SIGNIFICANTLY LIMITED GATHERINGS (*July 5th*)

- ◆ During this phase, the staff will begin transitioning to the church offices while physically distancing and adhering to the proper sanitation measures.
- ◆ In-person worship will be offered in smaller groups while adhering to the number designated by civic authorities. A link to SignUpGenius will be emailed at the beginning of each week for those wishing to attend in-person. Those who are unable to sign up online may call the church office to reserve a space.

Worship Times:

- ◆ Sunday at 8:00 AM: Rite I
- ◆ Sunday at 10:15 AM: Rite II
- ◆ Wednesday at 12:00 PM: Rite II (*beginning Wednesday, July 8th*)

(The service will be streamed into the Parish Hall for overflow.)

- ◆ Services will continue being livestreamed for those who are reluctant to worship in-person at this time.

ENTERING THE CHURCH

- ◆ The main doors at the front of the church and the glass doors next to the courtyard will be the only doors opened for entry into the church.
- ◆ Worshipers must wear a mask when entering the church. If a worshiper arrives without a mask, the usher will offer him/her one to be worn during the service.
- ◆ The ushers will direct worshipers where to sit in the nave.

DURING THE SERVICE

- ◆ The service will include: single-use bulletins (*placed in the pews*), Ante-Communion, special musical offerings in place of congregational singing, adapted practices for the passing of the peace and the offertory, and everyone will be required to wear masks. Ushers will be trained to address worship modifications and instructions will be given at the beginning of each service.
- ◆ Participants leading worship including clergy, ushers, lectors, musicians, altar guild members, etc. will be required to check their temperature at home before the service. Anyone with a temp of 100.4 or higher will not assist in worship that day.
- ◆ During this phase we will NOT hold Sunday School, Nursery, Adult Formation, or Coffee Hour in-person. We WILL continue offerings online.
- ◆ Small group gatherings (*committees, support groups, etc.*) will be permitted with physical distancing and adhering to sanitation guidelines.