

We cannot expect to be able to worship in quite the same manner as before if we wish to reduce the risk of becoming infected with this novel coronavirus. We will have to be prudent in observing all necessary precautions to avoid contracting the virus while participating in a large public gathering. We are aware that everyone is eager to know how our opening will go and patience will be the first rule of thumb!

The church will be unlocked 30 minutes before Mass, the only entrances used at St. Margaret will be the Street and School side and at St. Mary's, the front door and handicap entrance, we ask that you only use the handicap entrance if you are handicapped.

An usher will be waiting at the door to greet and guide you, everyone MUST wear a mask and will have to sanitize their hands upon entering the church. You will then wait to be seated, as you wait please keep a 6-foot distance from one another. We are only allowed 40% occupancy and six feet apart, pews will be marked off and families may set together, and all others will sit 6 ft. apart. I know many are used to sitting in certain sections, please understand, that WILL NOT be possible during this time.

Social distancing must be maintained during the communion procession single file and 6 ft. apart, ushers will guide the process row by row. During this period to avoid the greater risk of contamination communion will only be given in the hand.

No one will be allowed in the sacristy, and we will suspend the use of Eucharistic Ministers until we see how the virus will react to our gathering. Readers will be ushered to their reserved seats. For the time being there will be no congregational singing, only the Cantor will sing.

Holy water fonts have been emptied and all Missals and literature have been removed from the church. If you'd like a bulletin you can take one at the end of Mass or get on the Parish website.

No offertory collection will take place during the Mass. We ask that you leave your donation in the baskets/plates at the entrances of the church when you leave Mass.

Due to government and diocesan restrictions, all are encouraged to REGISTER IN ADVANCE to attend Mass. The capacity has to be limited in accordance with social distancing practices. You can register through our online form on the homepage of our website or call the parish office and let us know how many will be attending and what Mass you wish to attend.

We are looking for volunteers to help wipe down the pews in- between Masses, if you're able to help please call and leave your name and number at the parish office.

Thank you for your flexibility and patience. We look forward to having you join us for Mass this weekend.