

Holy Family Church

New COVID-19 Protocols

Dear Friends,

Bishop Lucia has updated the COVID-19 protocols based on the new directives from the Center for Disease Control (CDC) and New York State.

Here is what you need to know for Mass this weekend:

- You will enter the church through the main doors – Chapel Drive doors (for now)
- There will be no more contact tracing
- Masks and social distancing are not required by parishioners who have been fully vaccinated
 - Masks may still be worn and social distancing may still be observed by parishioners who have been fully vaccinated
 - Masks and social distancing are still required by those who have not been fully vaccinated
- Hand sanitizer is still available for those who wish to use it
- Place your offering in the offering box as usual
- Seating will no longer be marked or designated
 - Some distance should be maintained in all cases and places
 - Distance is to be maintained around all people wearing masks
- Holy Communion will be distributed as usual
 - Only ministers and those who have not been vaccinated are required to wear masks
- The Safety Team will not dismiss you after Mass. Please leave the church in an orderly manner.
- Hymnals/Missals will hopefully be available next weekend
- Bulletins will be available after Mass as usual

As you know, we are not completely in the clear with COVID-19. We still need to take precautions. Remember, we are all in this together and we need to respect where each person is at in regards to how they move through the pandemic.

I am grateful to Bishop Lucia for these new guidelines. It is also stated the dispensation to attend Mass will be lifted the weekend of June 6, 2021. For those who still feel vulnerable and those who are ill, you do not have to attend Mass. This was the case even before COVID.

Thank you for your patience and understanding as we move forward. I am sure more changes and directives will come in the weeks and months ahead. However, this is a big step for us and we are moving in the right direction. Be assured of my continued prayers and let's be sure to pray for one another.

Blessings,

Fr. John Manno, Pastor