

Mass Attendance



Archbishop Schnurr has granted us permission to resume the celebration of public Masses. However, the dispensation from the obligation to attend is still in effect, so no one is required to attend Mass. See more on our parish blog scrcparish.blogspot.com, which we will continue to update.

Our first public Mass will be at St. Peter's on Monday, May 25th, for Memorial Day only at 9:00 AM.

(Daily Masses will continue the same time at 8:30 AM beginning on Tuesday, May 26th.)

New health procedures will be required and re-evaluated weekly depending on the COVID19 situation in the State of Ohio. If you would like to attend Mass, please read through this message. Thank you for your patience and compliance.

Capacity & Seat Reservation

For now, Mass capacity will be limited to achieve 6-foot social distancing.

In order to accommodate this limited seating, parishioners must reserve their seats with the parish office (by phone, email, or returning the "Reservation Form" via mail or dropping it off in the mail slot). We hope to have on-line reservation available soon.

Seat reservations for May 25th and going forward are now being taken. Reservations for each weekend will open each Monday at 10:00 AM and end on Thursday at 4:00 PM or when we meet our seating capacity. Please, call the parish office or turn in your Reservation Form. The Weekend Mass times have temporarily changed:

SATURDAY: 4:00 PM at St. Mary's 5:00 PM at St. Peter's
SUNDAY: 8:30 AM at St. Peter's 10:45 AM at St. Mary's

Before You Arrive

- Please wash your hands for 20 seconds or more with warm, soapy water before leaving from home.
- Bring your own hand sanitizer or wipes that can be used before receiving Holy Communion.
- Do not bring items that contain bleach into the church as this will damage the pews and chairs.
- Please be aware that the bathroom access may be limited. (Please make sure that children use the bathroom before leaving home.)

Arrival Procedures

- Masks (for all ages except for very young children) should be worn as soon as you exit your vehicle. In case you do not have a mask, the parish will provide you with one. (Take it home, wash it, and return wearing it at the next Mass you attend.) If you bring children, please be sure that they remain next to you at all times.
- Arrive 15 minutes before Mass begins to stand in line and await an Usher to seat you. (The main doors of the church will open 15 minutes prior to the start of Mass. Please bring an umbrella with you in case of rain).
- An usher will direct you to your seat. The church will be seated to fill the open pews/chairs from front to back.

- You may be sharing a pew with another household, but social distance is required between the households (minimum 6 feet).
- The holy water fonts remain empty. Restrooms might be closed. No water fountain will be available.

Mass Procedures

- There will be no altar servers.
- Communion will be distributed by clergy.
- Please keep your face mask on for the duration of Mass.
- Detailed Communion instructions will be given.
- The Sign of Peace will be omitted. Please do not attempt to hold hands during the Lord's Prayer.
- Baskets will not be passed during the offertory. You will be able to place your weekly gift in a basket near the entrance of church. Ushers can direct you where to place your collection envelope on the way out. It may be easier to drop your offering off at the mail slots provided at the office door (St. Mary's), undercroft door (St. Peter's) during the week or mail in.

Communion Procedures

- More detailed instructions will be given at Mass.
- The Archbishop is encouraging the reception of Communion in the hand (temporarily during the Pandemic).
- The Precious Blood will not be offered to the congregation.
- Use of personal hand sanitizer before Communion is strongly encouraged. Please bring your own.
- There will be a single Communion line in the center aisle maintaining a 6' distance between households (one way up the aisle to receive, returning by side aisle).
- **Masks should still be worn in the Communion line until just before receiving. Do not say "Amen". After the priest offers you Communion, please step to the side, consume the Eucharist, and then immediately re-mask as you head back to your pew/chair.**

Departure Procedures

- After the final blessing and thanksgiving, parishioners must remain in their pew/chair to be dismissed by the Usher. Each pew/chair will depart the church after Mass in an orderly manner, from the back to the front.
- Clergy will not shake hands, in order to maintain distance.
- **Please do not congregate before or after Mass or in the parking lots.**

Church Cleaning Procedures

- We will continue to implement cleanliness and sanitation practices, including disinfecting pews/chairs between every Mass.
- Disinfecting will be done for door handles, and other frequently touched surfaces after every Mass.
- Please follow the CDC recommendations regarding your own health. If you fall into an "at-risk" category, please consider staying at home and making a Spiritual Communion, (See the blog, sccrparish.blogspot.com).
- Any weddings, funerals, and baptisms that you wish to celebrate must be conducted in accordance with the protocols of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. Please contact the parish office.

RSVP: Please submit the enclosed Reservation Form.