

Guidelines for all participants and parishioners- Mass-COVID19

Phase 1

Dear Parishioners,

The purpose of this letter is to explain ALL the many guidelines we must adhere to, both from the State of NJ and Bishop Sullivan. There are many instructions so we ask that you read them over carefully, several times, to make yourself familiar with the changes, some quite a departure from what we are used to.

WE ARE LIMITED BY LAW AND BISHOP SULLIVAN TO 25% OF OUR CAPACITY. THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE ALLOWED IN THE CHURCH IS 146 AT ST. JOHN OF GOD AND 80 AT ST. RAYMOND.

FIRST COME; FIRST SEATED.

1. First and foremost, if you are at high risk which includes the elderly, if you have a weakened immune system, if you are coughing, have an underlying illness such as diabetes or hypertension, and families with young children (the crying room and Chapel will be closed), you are encouraged to stay home. You have a dispensation from Mass issued by Bishop Sullivan through Phase 1.

TRAFFIC CONTROL (new Ministry)

2. Adults to arrive for Mass with a cloth mask on and gloves **No mask; no Mass** (except children 2 and under).

3. Maintain social distancing (6)' between you and your neighbor while waiting outside to be ushered into the vestibule and then Church. **No socializing by Ushers or volunteers or parishioners, even in the parking lot.**

4. You will be counted and then admitted into the Church by volunteers who will instruct you where to sit...no special seating except for our handicapped who will still have the first pew.

5. The pews and the seating arrangements are marked with tape. Families may sit closer than 6'.

6. Saturday Masses: 4 p.m. at St. Raymond and St. John of God.

7. Sunday Masses: 8 a.m. at St. Raymond and 10 a.m. at St. John of God.

*No processions.

*There will be 2 Lectors, an Organist, a Cantor and 1 EM. We are not permitted to have AS.

*No masks or gloves.

***The EM may wear a cloth mask but no gloves while distributing the Host at the conclusion of Mass and at the direction of the Priest. The Host may not be placed on gloved hands or on the tongue.**

*The Lectors, EM, and Cantor are to be seated on the Altar prior to Mass and remain there.

8. Holy Communion will NOT be distributed during the regular time at Mass. Those receiving Communion (not by mouth – hands only) are to **take all personal items** with them, remove their face covering and gloves before coming forward under the direction of the volunteers at the conclusion of Mass and then exit out the front side doors. Re-admittance is not permitted. Collection baskets will be by the side doors.

9. Communion will only be distributed at the Altar.

10. Use your own bathroom facilities at home. The church bathrooms are for **EMERGENCY ONLY.**

CLEANING MINISTRY

11. Entire Churches will be cleaned at the end of all Masses following Communion.

*FOR DAILY MASS READINGS
GO TO:
WWW.IBREVARY.COM

Please keep & remember!

Sincerely,
Fr. Soprano