

We are excited to welcome you back to Mass at St. Katharine Drexel. We have been making preparations for your return.

In order to do so safely, there are some guidelines and procedures that will be a little different to what you may have been used to. Please note that the situation continues to change and we will adjust accordingly. We thank you for your patience and cooperation.

In order to allow adequate time to sanitize, “Weekend” Masses will be held 4:30 Saturday, 10am Sunday, Sunday Liturgy on Wednesday at 10am. The Mass Wednesday morning is geared toward those in our parish who are elderly or in highest at-risk categories. Members in those categories may attend any Mass, but the Mass on Wednesday is designed specifically for them.

The 10am Sunday Mass will continue to be livestreamed so if you and your family are not comfortable returning yet, you are welcome to continue praying along virtually. The dispensation to attend Mass continues until further notice.

Before You Arrive

- Use the restroom before you come. Only 1 bathroom will be available and needs sanitized between each person.
- Wash your hands.
- We recommend bringing you own personal hand sanitizer.
- **Masks are required for every member of the family.**
- (If you do not have a mask, please enter through the center doors and pick one up from the table and put it on immediately, thank you to operation Mask Central Pa for providing reusable hand washable masks! Please take this mask with you. DO NOT RETURN IT TO THE TABLE.)

Arrival Procedures

- The doors of the church will open 30 minutes prior to the start of Mass.
- Masks should be worn as soon as you exit your vehicle.
- Please also used hand sanitizer from the no touch sanitizing stations near the doors where you enter.
- Ushers and Greeting staff will direct you where to sit. Please follow their direction.
- You will be seated in the section closest to the doors you enter. (Mary side enter from the side door. Center doors for center sections. Door between the office and Church for St. Joseph side.)
- The church will be seated to fill the open pews from front to back.
- Only pews that are not roped off will be used.
- Only members who present themselves as a single household will be seated together.

- Please wait outside until all members of your household are present to be seated.
- You may be sharing a pew with another household, but social distance is required between the households (6ft).
- Once the Church is filled, overflow seating will be available downstairs on Sundays and the Mass will be livestreamed. The Ushers and Greeters will guide you.

Mass Procedures

- Masses will be conducted as you have seen on the Live Stream with reduced ministers. There will be no altar servers, choir, or lay sacristans.
- Please keep your face mask on for the entirety of Mass.
- Please make every effort to remain in your pew during Mass as to limit contact with other people.
- If you are having difficulty breathing, please exit the Church for some fresh air and return directly to your seat with your mask on when you are comfortable doing so.
- If a child becomes disruptive during Mass, please take them to your vehicle until they are calm and then return directly to your seat when you are ready.
- The only restroom available during Mass is in the Vesting Sacristy. The Ushers can help direct you. Please sanitize after using the restroom using the Clorox wipes provided.
- There is to be no physical contact between households.
- Baskets will not be passed during the offertory. You will be able to place your weekly gift in a basket as you exit the church. We also strongly encourage online giving.
- There will be no Passing of the Peace.

Communion Procedures

- **Communion will happen after Mass is concluded.**
- **The precious blood will not be offered to the congregation.**
- **Use of your own personal hand sanitizer before communion is strongly encouraged.**
- **Communion stations will be at the back of the Church.**
- **Fr. Ken will be stationed in the Center. Those requiring a low Gluten host will proceed to Fr. Ken's station first. Next anyone wishing to receive on the tongue will proceed to Fr. Ken's station.**
- **Those receiving on the tongue are required to kneel.**
- **Please follow the directions of the Ushers. Pews will be dismissed in an orderly fashion starting in the rear of the church and then moving forward.**
- **All exits of the of the church will be utilized during departure. Please use the same exit as your entrance.**
- **Masks should be worn in the communion line. Please maintain social distancing of at least 6 ft.**
- **You can drop your offertory in the marked basket.**
- **After you receive communion please step to the side, remove your mask, consume the Eucharist, re-mask, and then directly exit the Church.**
- **Private prayer is not available after Masses during this time. We encourage you to spend a moment in prayer in your vehicle to make your thanksgiving.**

Church Cleaning Procedures

- **We will continue to implement cleanliness and sanitization practices, including disinfecting pews after every Mass.**
- **We will also disinfect bathrooms, door handles, and other frequently touched surfaces.**
- **Parish staff will wear face masks, wash hands, and will be screened for COVID-19 symptoms.**
- **Priests and Pastoral Staff distributing Communion will sanitize hands whenever they come in contact with another person.**
- **If you have attended Mass here in person and are diagnosed with the Coronavirus, we ask that you contact the parish. Your name will be held confidential, but we do need to alert others who attended the same Mass.**
- **You are reminded to follow CDC recommendations regarding your own health. If you fall into the highest "at risk" categories, please stay home and join us by Live Stream.**

Please check the website, bulletin, and email frequently for updates to this ever changing situation and don't hesitate to reach out to the parish staff with any questions.

Stay safe and when you are comfortable returning, we are looking forward to seeing you! Until then stay close to our Lord in Prayer. May God Bless. See you soon!