

#### **SAINT ANNE PARISH**

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We welcome all visitors to St. Anne Parish.
If you would like to join our faith
community, please call the Parish Office to
register: 508-485-0141

Would you like to receive a copy of the bulletin via email every week?
Please send an email to:
stanne403@stannesouthborough.org with "St. Anne Bulletin List" in the subject line.



#### Sixth Sunday of Easter May 9, 2021

"This is my commandment: love one another as I love you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends."

(John 15:12-13)

Do you love Jesus?

Do you consider Him your friend?

Jesus says that if we love Him we would be willing to offer whatever we have to Him, not because we want praise and glory, but simply because we love Him

Does your giving seem mechanical out of obligation or do you share freely out of love?

#### **Lord's Day Mass Schedule:**

Saturday ~ 5:00 pm Sunday ~ 8:30 am, 10:30 am, and 5:30 p.m.

Children's Liturgy of the Word will resume in the fall.

#### **Daily Mass Schedule:**

Week Day Mass
Monday-Thursday: 9:00 am
First Fridays and Fridays in Lent:
9:00 am

#### **Healing Mass:**

First Wednesday of every month at 7:00 p.m.

Please see Reopening Guidelines in rhe ONLINE bulletin for protocols for Sacraments.

#### **Confessions:**

Saturday ~ 4:15 pm,
First Wednesday of each month ~
6:30 - 7:00 p.m.,
or anytime on request

**Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:** 

Wednesdays: 9:30 am to 6:00 pm

#### Sacrament of Baptism

Call the Parish Office to schedule a Baptism. For the time being, baptisms are will be celebrated outside of Masses, rather than during a scheduled Mass.

Sacrament of Marriage

Arrangements with a priest required at least one year prior to the wedding date.

Visitation of the Sick Fr. Albert is pleased to bring Holy Communion to parishioners who are unable to join us for weekly worship. Call the Parish Office to arrange a time.

#### ST. ANNE PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

We, the people of St. Anne Parish, Southborough, in the Diocese of Worcester are called through Baptism to become one faith family. We commit ourselves to embody the presence of Christ in Word and Sacrament; by using our ministries to welcome all who are seeking Jesus and to share in the life and work of our Catholic faith. In the spirit and truth of the Holy Trinity, we will use our time, talents and treasure to answer God's command to love one another as He has loved us, in holy worship, prayer, Catechetical formation for all, evangelization and service to others.

#### PARISH MASS INFORMATION AND MINISTRIES

#### St. Anne Parish Livestreamed Daily and Weekend Masses

#### **Livestreamed St. Anne Masses:**

ALL St. Anne Mass offerings will now be livestreamed: 5:00 p.m. Saturday, 8:30 a.m. Sunday, 10:30 a.m. Sunday, 5:30 p.m. Sunday, and 9:00 a.m. daily Masses through our parish website!

- Go to parish webpage: www.stannesouthborough.org.
- Scroll down to "ECatholic Live: St. Anne Southborough". See logo on right. Or click on Quick Link in box on the right of web homepage.
- Click on the arrow in the middle of the logo at 5:00 p.m. for Saturday evening Mass, 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., or 5:30 p.m. for Sunday Mass, and 9:00 a.m. for daily Masses Monday through Thursday.





#### An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus,

I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

#### Liturgical Minister Schedule

#### May 8 & 9 ~ Sixth Sunday of Easter, Year B

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5:00 pm	Lector	Roger Jolicoeur
	<b>Communion Ministers</b>	Debbie Simon
8:30 am	Lector	Regina McAuliffe
	<b>Communion Ministers</b>	Fran Schiebe
10:30 am	Lector	Pat Draper
	<b>Communion Ministers</b>	Joe Cruciani
5:30 pm	Lector	Mary Beth Philbin-Hannigan

#### May 15 & 16 ~ Seventh Sunday of Easter, Year B

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5:00 pm	Lector	Laura Schroeder
	<b>Communion Ministers</b>	Debbie Simon
8:30 am	Lector	Elaine Yetman
	<b>Communion Ministers</b>	Fran Schiebe
10:30 am	Lector	Doug Parent
	<b>Communion Ministers</b>	Pat Draper
5:30 pm	Lector	Mary Beth Philbin-Hannigan

#### Preventing Child Abuse is Everyone's Responsibility

It is every adult's moral responsibility to protect possible victims (any age) by reporting suspected abuse or neglect to the responsible authorities. For help you may call: The Office for Healing and Prevention, Diocese of Worcester, at 508-929-4363. The Diocese of Worcester requires Safe Environment training for all staff and volunteers.

#### WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE with MASS INTENTIONS (May 8 to May 16)

To request a Mass Intention, stop in the Parish Office or call 508-485-0141.		
SATURDAY 8	5:00 pm	For Georgette Prosperi by her daughter Suzanne
SUNDAY 9	8:30 am	For Fr. Anthony Jeya (22 <sup>nd</sup> Ordination Anniversary) by Lyda and Tom Livingstone
	10:30 am	For Georgette Prosperi by her daughter Suzanne
	5:30 pm	For Linda Hubley by Barbara and Matthew Malloy
MONDAY 10	9:00 am	For Joan Misener
TUESDAY 11	9:00 am	For Margaret Ann Hostage
WEDNESDAY 12	9:00 am	For Jane Wood by Lyda and Tom Livingstone
THURSDAY 13	9:00 am	For All Carman (Healing) by Millie and Jim Garden
SATURDAY 15	5:00 pm	For Vanessa Alvarado (Healing)
SUNDAY 16	8:30 am	For Fr. Bernard More (39 <sup>th</sup> Ordination Anniversary) by Lyda and Tom Livingstone
	10:30 am	For William MacIver (5 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary) by his sister Nancy Levangie
	5:30 pm	For students and families of St. Anne

#### Ranjitha Mary

(Mother of Father Albert Irudayasamy)

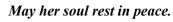
Ranjitha Mary, 77, of Perambalur, India, passed away on Saturday, May 1, 2021 just four days after testing positive for Covid-19. She was the beloved wife of Irudayasamy S.

Born in Kalpalayam, she was the second daughter of the late Savarimuthu and Sebastiammal. She has one

elder brother and sister and two younger brothers. She was raised in a small town in Tamilnadu province, India and completed her teacher training in nearby town called Purathakudi. She taught in many schools and inspired many students who kept visiting her even after her voluntary retirement due to health issues.

Ranjitha Mary is survived by her children Christu Raj and his wife Renis Rosalin; Fr. Albert Kennedy; John Bosco and his wife Vimali; James Mani and his wife Suganthi Hilda. She was the proud grandmother of Sujith, Akilan, Derrick, Jennifer and Sherin. She also is survived by a large extended family and several dear friends.

Father Albert writes, "The former associate of the our parish, Fr. Anthony Marceline, became so close to our family that my parents considered him as one of their children. He went to ICU to anoint Mom and gave her Holy Communion. She was so happy to receive both sacraments at the hospital. He also went to the crematorium to do the funeral rites and did the commendation service at the cemetery. Mom loved him so much that he has stayed with Dad along with my siblings for the past few days."



We also pray for her family as they grieve the loss of their loved one.



#### PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND STEWARDSHIP



#### From the Desk of the **Director of Religious** Education



Dan Doyle



If you have not registered, please go to stannesouthborough.org or pick up a paper copy of registration forms available at the entrance to the church and in the Parish Offices.

**Grades 1-2 (Non-sacramental):** May RE home packets will be emailed to Grades 1-2 RE families. Parents are asked to continue reviewing all materials with their child.

#### Grade 2+ (2020-21 FC preparation):

Congratulations and God bless!

#### Grades 3-5:

May 16 from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.

**Grades 6-8:** May 16 from 4:00 to 6:30 p.m. (includes the 5:30 p.m. Mass)

#### **Confirmation rehearsal for those receiving May 2021:**

<u>Confirmation Mass:</u> Sunday, **May 16** at 3:00 p.m. at St. Paul's Cathedral

#### **2020-21 Catechists:**

- Grades 1-2 (Non-Sacramental): Pat Battles
- Grade 2+: Pat Draper & Joanne Flathers
- Grades 3&4: Laura Schroeder & Christy Williams
- Grade 5: Julia Denardo Roney
- Grades 6-8: Beth McGonagle & Rich Flathers
- Grades 9&10 (Confirmation): Dan Doyle, Steven Jacek, & Jenna Jacek

#### We have implemented all the necessary safety protocols:

- Children will enter the Parish Hall through the main glass doors and exit through the white door nearest the stage end of the Hall;
- Children must wear a mask from entrance to exit:
- All chairs are set 6 ft. apart;
- All classrooms will have hand sanitizer and wipes;
- Doors and windows will remain open for proper circulation of air.

Follow St. Anne Parish on Instagram and Snapchat! We will be using these apps to post photos, videos, and other St. Anne Youth Ministry content.



Instagram: @stanne.ym Snapchat: @stanneym



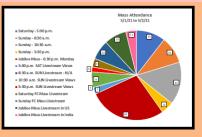
#### 2021-22 RE Registration

Registration for Religious Education classes in the fall will be available online at www.stannesouthborough.org starting Sunday, May 16<sup>th</sup>. If you are signed up for

Flocknote, you will receive an email with a link to the online registration as well. Paper copies will be available in the Church and Parish Office.

Any questions? Please contact Dan Doyle at dan@stannesouthborough.org or call 508-485-0141.





#### 4/25/2021

Saturday - 5:00 p.m. Sunday - 8:30 a.m. Sunday - 10:30 a.m. Sunday - 5:30 p.m. 5:00 Livestream Views 8:30 Livestream Views 10:30 Livestream Views 5:30 Livestream Views

	<u>5/2/2021</u>	
27	Saturday - 5:00 p.m.	30
26	Sunday - 8:30 a.m.	28
	Sunday - 10:30 a.m.	44
38	Sunday - 5:30 p.m.	13
19	Jubilee Mass - 6:30 p.m. Monday	80
5	5:00 p.m. SAT Livestream Views	7
8	10:30 a.m. SUN Livestream Views	16
13	5:30 p.m. SUN Livestream Views	5
6	Saturday FC Mass Livestream	9
142	Sunday FC Mass Livestream	20

Mother's Day Blessing

#### Happy Mother's Day

Jubilee Mass Livestream in US

Jubilee Mass Livestream in India

Wishing "A Happy Mother's Day" to all mothers everywhere.

Parishioners, please pick up a Mother's Day card with a blessed angel pin from our parish foyer this weekend for yourself or for the mother in your life.



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#### PARISH STEWARDSHIP REPORTS FOR through May 2, 2021

Regular Weekly Offering:	\$2	,900.00
Capital Maintenance:		
Memorial Donation:		
Haiti Sister Parish:	\$	260.00

Online Giving: St. Anne Parish partners with WeShare for online giving. WeShare allows both onetime gifts, as well as regular, scheduled donations. Please visit our Parish website www.stannesouthborough.org for the link to WeShare.com or call 1-800-950-9952 and use option 1 to answer any questions.

St. Anne's Website: With our website we have an additional resource for online giving and online CE registration. St. Anne Parish partners with eCatholic and BluePay for easy on-line giving. Our one-step on-line form allows both one-time gifts, as well as regular, scheduled donations. Please visit our Parish website www.stannesouthborough.org and select the Quick Link to the BluePay On-Line Giving page.

Thank you for your continued, generous support!

#### PARISH AND DIOCESAN MINISTRIES AND EVENTS

#### **United Parishes of Southborough Food Pantry**

Thank you! Thank you! Your outpouring of donations in such a short period of time has been overwhelming! The sorting, dating, and boxing crew have been very busy. Your generosity is very much appreciated. THANK YOU!

#### **Health and Household:**

Facial Tissues

#### **Sides/Condiments/Meats:**

Chili with NO beans

#### **Drinks:**

• Cranberry Juice (64 oz.)

Donations may be left in the fover of St, Anne Parish Hall. As most food items are date sensitive, please be sure that your donation is not out of date.

If you know of anyone who could benefit from the Food Pantry, please encourage them to contact the Food Pantry. Pantry hours (located at Pilgrim Church) for CLIENTS are Thursdays from 6:30-7:30 p.m. and Fridays from 9:30-10:30 a.m.

PLEASE NOTE: Donations also can be left in bins outside the pantry door at Pilgrim Church anytime other than client hours listed above.





#### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:

Sr. Yvette, Dianne Higgins, Millie Garden, Seminarian Alex Quach, Pat Moran, Fr. Thirburse F. Millot, Katie Kulik, Elaine Arrison, Jackie Di Buono, Rachel Attaway, Matthew, Susan Cioppa, Lillian Franco, Mary Hunt, Hans, Elisabel Borreani, Peg Nicosia, Dr. Malgorzata McMasters, Tom



Livingstone, Bob Seariac, Pat Fitzgerald, Anne Meek, Paul LeDuc, Marie Martin, Sheila, Annie Lonzoria, Marilou Alvarado-Custodio, Janet Mattioli, Jane & Miles Gray, Zara Daniel (Healing), Julie Flanders, Karen, Fr. Ed, Bruce (Healing), Mike Allain, Mrs. Wallace (Holly Spicer's Mom), Reverend Deogratis Rwegassima

Want to add your name or the name(s) of others to the Prayers for the Sick listing? Please email the names to the Parish Office at stanne403@stannesouthborough.org.

(Names appearing on the list for more than a year are unposted unless a continued need is known. To have a name restored to or removed from the list, please email the Parish Office.



#### **Demolition of 12 Walker Street**

Demolition of 12 Walker Street will be on Thursday, May 13.

#### Seminarian Summer Assignment

We look forward to welcoming a seminarian to our parish during this summer. His name is Christopher Kopacko and he will be arriving at St. Anne Parish by the middle of

> He is currently studying at Mount St. Mary's in Emmitsburg, MD.

Mav.

Please keep him in your prayers.

#### Virtual Mother's Day Rose Drive

The annual Mother's Day Rose Drive will be held virtually this year. It will take the form of a Go-Fund-Me campaign which can be found at gf.me/u/zqhc3q. Proceeds support Problem Pregnancy, a pro-life pregnancy help center assisting women in crisis pregnancies to choose life. As an all-volunteer organization, Problem Pregnancy supports women and



their families with housing, medical care, ultrasound tests, baby clothes, cribs, car seats, and more. For more information, contact Rose Drive coordinator, Paul DeBeasi at paul.debeasi@gmail.com.

#### St. Thomas More Law School Scholarship

Each year the St. Thomas More Society of our Diocese awards a scholarship of varying amounts, usually around \$3,000, to a law student attending an accredited law school in the fall. Applicants or parents must be registered and active members of a parish in the Diocese of Worcester. Applicants may be in any year of law school studies.



Applications may be obtained by visiting the diocesan website, www.worcesterdiocese.org/st-thomas-moresociety, by mailing requests to: St. Thomas More Society, Chancery Office, 49 Elm Street, Worcester, MA 01609, or by calling Joan DeMasi at 508-929-4345.

Applications are due on or before June 30, 2021.

#### **Holy Hour to Pray for Priests**

On Friday, May 14, from 7:00 to 8:00 **p.m.** a holy hour to pray for priests will take place at Immaculate Conception Church on 353 Grove St., Worcester. This holy hour will consist of time for silent adoration, as well as a short reflection, the rosary, and



benediction. Please join us to pray for our priests. Repeats every second Friday of the month.

#### Seeking Pastoral Associate at Sudbury Parish

St. Anselm Parish in Sudbury is seeking a Pastoral Associate. Inquiries can be sent to Caroline Llewellyn at stanselm@verizon.net or call 978-443-8981.



#### **Seeking Part-Time Secretary**

St. Ann's Parish, North Oxford, is seeking a part-time secretary, Monday through Wednesday. Applicants ideally should have



prior experience in parish office work, computer skills, some accounting background, organizational abilities and flexibility. Resumes may be sent electronically or through the mail to stannsrectory@hotmail.com or to Fr. Michael Lavallee, St. Ann's Rectory P.O Box 488 Main Street, North Oxford, MA 01537.

#### DIOCESE INFORMATION AND EVENTS

#### Ordination 2021 Schedule 🌉

The Diocese has been delaying setting dates for the ordinations, waiting to see how the pandemic continues to develop. While we certainly



pray that conditions continue to improve, it has been decided that the best course of action is to have multiple ceremonies in the hopes that sufficient space is available for guests. The dates are:

May 15 at 10:00 a.m. - priestly ordination of Deacons Ardila and Carvajal

May 29 at 10:00 a.m. - diaconate ordination of three of our transitional deacons

May 29 at 2:00 p.m. - diaconate ordination of three of our transitional deacons

June 19 at 10:00 a.m. - priestly ordination of Deacons Larochelle and LaRoche

Information regarding seating and tickets will be available at a later date when there is a better sense of what guidelines and restrictions are in place at that time.

#### Virtual Walk for the Homeless

VIRTUAL WALK CORTH In a blink of an eye, anything and everything can change. Please participate in the 36th Annual Virtual Walk for the Homeless, Sunday, May 16 - Sunday, May 23. The WALK will benefit Catholic Charities Family Shelter, Homeless Prevention programs of Central Massachusetts Housing Alliance, the Interfaith Hospitality Network, a program of Friendly House, and St. John's Food for the Poor.

Help those who have been particularly impacted by the pandemic due to job loss and food insecurity.

For more information or to make a donation, go to www.walkforthehomeless.org or call Ann Gibbons Smith at 774-243-3809.

> Watch the diocesan streaming video at worcesterdiocese.org.

#### THANK YOU FOR A DECADE OF SPREADING 'TRUTH FOR LIFE'!

On May 1st, 2021, 1230AM/970AM/101.1FM Emmanuel Catholic Radio celebrated 10 years of bringing the Worcester Diocese the Daily Mass, the Rosary, and many other Catholic programs thanks to your generosity!

In May, there is still time to make a tax-deductible gift! Donate by calling 508-767-1230 or visit 1230Radio.com.





#### "Pasta Dinner To Go" in Northbridge

St. Peter Parish, 39 Church Avenue, Northbridge, MA, is having a "Pasta Dinner To Go" event.

Pick up will be on Saturday, May 15 starting at 5:30 p.m. in the St. Peter Parish Hall.

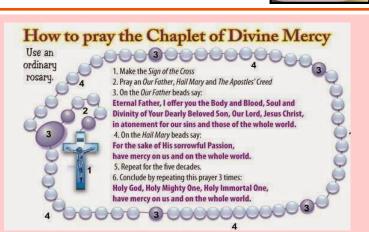
Tickets are \$10.00 per dinner and include garlic bread, salad and dessert.

All orders must be purchased in advance. Orders must be placed by Sunday, May 9<sup>th</sup>.

Pay It Forward: Buy an extra dinner and St. Peter Parish members will deliver it to someone in need

in the local community.

Please call 508-234-2156 or email parishoffice@stpeterrockdale.org to purchase tickets or if you have any questions.



#### Virtual May Basket Raffle

Good Shepherd Parish (Linwood/Uxbridge) will be holding a virtual basket raffle throughout the month of May as an annual fundraiser to support the parish.

The raffle will include over 27 themed baskets and additional gift certificates to local merchants and establishments. Details for each basket can be found on the parish website at goodshepherdlinwood.org/may-raffle-

baskets, along with a Ticket Distribution Sheet.

Tickets will be available for \$1 a piece or 6 for \$5. To comply with State and Diocesan guidelines there are two options for purchase: Tickets can be purchased by printing the Ticket Distribution sheet from the link above. The distribution sheet and check can then be mailed to Good Shepherd Parish, PO Box 517, Linwood, MA 01525. Please make checks payable to Good Shepherd Parish and include "Attention May Raffle Baskets" on the front of the envelope.

All drawings will take place on Monday, May 31 and winners will be contacted by phone. All contributions are greatly appreciated.

If you have any questions, please contact May Basket Committee chairs Linda Roberts by phone (774) 280-6602 or Ann Wagstaff by email at wagstaffa473@gmail.com.



Possible Phases of Reopening...



At this writing, Governor Baker has announced several steps toward a phased reversal of pandemic precautions in the coming months.

Effective April 30th, the Commonwealth's outdoor mask mandate is lifted, meaning that masks will no longer be required outdoors as long as the person can maintain social distancing.

Several other moves toward normalization were also announced, including a May 29 expansion of gathering limits to 200 people indoors and 250 outdoors.

The Governor also expressed his intention to lift most other restrictions on businesses by August 1st, although it was unclear how this would impact social distancing and masking in Churches.

For now, all churches are still obliged to follow the Commonwealth's "Sector Specific Workplace Standards for Places of Worship and Religious Services to Address COVID-19," as revised on 25 February 2021.

In the coming months, however, liturgical protocols mandated to mitigate the spread of the COVID-19 virus will be modified in response to changes in the Commonwealth's standards. We anticipate five steps in the process of returning to a "new liturgical normal."

#### FIVE STAGES TO THE NEW LITURGICAL NORMAL



#### SURFACES NO LONGER CLEANED anitizing pews commonly touched surface Using reusable Worship Aids









STAGE FOUR



Priests and the faithful will be informed as each of these stages are authorized by Bishop McManus, with catechetical materials and strategies provided for the effective restoration of the full liturgical life of the Diocese.

Whether this process will take weeks, months or more is unknown at this writing. Let us each rejoice, however, that we have finally reached the point where our prayers may be answered in the foreseeable future: that "we might gather once again to praise the Lord's name in the heart of his Church, delivered from all distress and confident in your



#### FORMING CONSCIENCES ON COVID VACCINES What Catholics Should Know

With the increasing availability of COVID-19 vaccines, and a plethora of information from varied sources, we have a particular responsibility as Catholics to seek the truth and form our consciences. While vaccines hold promising relief from the coronavirus pandemic, not all vaccines are created equal. There are serious medical-moral questions that must be considered in order to form one's conscience so as to make the best vaccination decisions possible amidst the competing voices surrounding us.

The following are some important points about Catholic moral teaching in light of coronavirus vaccines to assist in our prayerful decision-making.

#### IF I DECIDE TO GET VACCINATED, DOES IT MATTER WHICH VACCINE I GET?

Not all COVID vaccines are morally equivalent. Some vaccines have a connection with fetal cells obtained from abortion. Currently, three vaccines have been approved for use in the United States. The Pfizer and Moderna vaccines do not use the aborted fetal cell line in the production of the vaccine. The Janssen/Johnson & Johnson vaccine however, does use the aborted fetal cell line in the production of their vaccine. As additional vaccines come into the market, these too will have to be evaluated with the same moral criteria.

As the Bishops of the United States have reminded us, "If one can choose among equally safe and effective COVID-19 vaccines, the vaccine with the least connection to abortion-derived cell lines should be chosen. Therefore, if one has the ability to choose a vaccine, Pfizer or Moderna vaccines should be chosen over Johnson & Johnson's."

#### WHAT OTHER CONSIDERATIONS GO INTO CHOOSING A VACCINE?

Medical considerations include the efficacy of the vaccines<sup>3</sup>, and the state of one's health relative to the degree of risk of coronavirus infection. Certain questions remain open, such as the effects of the vaccine on pregnant women, unborn children, fertility, and other medical factors, and even whether particular vaccines might be more appropriate for particular populations. Many of these things will not be known without further medical research. Currently, all available vaccines have been approved for temporary emergency use and there is much that is not known about their long term effects.



Those who are younger and in good health, and statistically have a lower risk of becoming seriously ill, may reasonably decline, or choose to wait until more is known about the mechanism of the vaccine, or wait until better options are available in the future. Those in more vulnerable categories, such as age and comorbidities, will have to evaluate the various factors relative to their particular state of health.

Each person must make a careful determination about whether a COVID-19 vaccination is appropriate for his or her set of circumstances, weighing carefully the medical and moral facts, and the risks and benefits.<sup>4</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> For details on the use of fetal cell lines, visit the Charlotte Lozier Institute at <a href="https://lozierinstitute.org/what-you-need-to-know-about-the-covid-19-vaccine/">https://lozierinstitute.org/what-you-need-to-know-about-the-covid-19-vaccine/</a>

Statement on the Use of the Johnson & Johnson Covid-19 Vaccine, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, March 2, 2021

Recent data shows that Moderna and Pfizer vaccines are about 94-95% effective. Johnson & Johnson vaccines are about 72% effective. The duration of immunity continues to be tracked.

Fr. Tad Pacholczyk, Should We Take Whatever Vaccine is Offered?, Making Sense of Bioethics, March 9, 2021

#### CAN I CHOOSE WHICH VACCINE TO GET?

Because of the limitations of vaccine availability, currently each provider distributes only the brand of vaccine they have been able to obtain at any given time.

#### WILL I BE INFORMED ABOUT WHICH VACCINE WILL BE AVAILABLE?

Yes, most providers will tell you which vaccine will be administered before you arrive for the scheduled appointment. If it is not on the registration page, it may be included in a confirmation email or text message. While vaccination providers may not have all vaccine options available simultaneously, it would be wise, if possible, to ask for either the Pfizer or Moderna vaccines, when making a vaccination appointment.

#### CAN I REFUSE TO GET A PARTICULAR VACCINE?

Yes. You can always refuse to take a particular vaccine, and if you do so, be sure to let your provider know why. It is always important to weigh your decision with an informed Catholic conscience relative to your own medical circumstances. Deciding about vaccines is a complex choice which must be discerned carefully in light of each individual's health situation.

#### HOW CAN WE ENCOURAGE HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS AND PHARMACEUTICAL COMPANIES TO RESPECT CATHOLIC MORAL TEACHING?

Most healthcare providers do not even realize that the Johnson & Johnson vaccine is produced using aborted fetal cell lines. Patients should, therefore, thoughtfully and respectfully voice their concerns to their healthcare providers and to pharmaceutical companies. If more people speak up it will help to encourage the production and use of ethical alternatives.<sup>5</sup>

Contact information of vaccine manufacturers and sample letters advocating for the ethical production of vaccines are available at: <a href="https://www.usccb.org/resources/letters-pharmaceutical-companies">www.usccb.org/resources/letters-pharmaceutical-companies</a>.

#### CAN VACCINES BE MANDATED?

The Vatican Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith recently noted, "Practical reason makes evident that vaccination is not, as a rule, a moral obligation and that, therefore, it must be voluntary." Each individual has the right to accept or decline a vaccine.



#### WHERE CAN I GET MORE INFORMATION?

More detailed information from reliable sources, including the Holy See, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, and The National Catholic Bioethics Center can be found on our vaccine resource page at <a href="https://www.worcesterdiocese.org/vaccines">www.worcesterdiocese.org/vaccines</a>.

The U.S. Bishops wrote to the Commissioner of the FDA in April 2020 in the early days of the pandemic asking the FDA to help ensure "that Americans will have access to vaccines that are free from any connection to abortion" and pointed out that there is no need to use morally compromised cell lines to produce a COVID-19 vaccine, or any vaccine. Other cell lines or processes that do not involve cells from abortions are available and are regularly being used to produce other vaccines. (USCCB, Maral Considerations Regarding the New COVID-19 Vaccines, December 2020)

Note on the Morality of Using Some Anti-Covid-19 Vaccines, Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, December 2020

Vaccines and Conscience Protection – Joint Statement of the Catholic Medical Association, American College of Pediatricians, Christian Medical and Dental Association, and National Association of Catholic Nurses <a href="https://www.cathmed.org/vaccines-and-conscience-protection/">https://www.cathmed.org/vaccines-and-conscience-protection/</a>

#### READINGS FOR THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, YEAR B

#### READING I Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48

#### A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

When Peter entered, Cornelius met him and, falling at his feet, paid him homage. Peter, however, raised him up, saying, "Get up. I myself am also a human being."

Then Peter proceeded to speak and said, "In truth, I see that God shows no partiality. Rather, in every nation whoever fears him and acts uprightly is acceptable to him."

While Peter was still speaking these things, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who were listening to the word.

The circumcised believers who had accompanied Peter

were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit should have been poured out on the Gentiles also, for they could hear them speaking in tongues and glorifying God.

Then Peter responded,

"Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people,

who have received the Holy Spirit even as we have?"

He ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ.

The Word of the Lord.

#### READING II 1 John 4:7-10

#### A reading from the First Letter of St. John

Beloved, let us love one another,

because love is of God;

everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God.

Whoever is without love does not know God, for God is love.

In this way the love of God was revealed to us:

God sent his only Son into the world

so that we might have life through him.

In this is love:

not that we have loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as expiation for our sins.

The Word of the Lord.

#### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

Psalm 98:1, 2-3, 3-4

R. The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

Sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done wondrous deeds; His right hand has won victory for him, his holy arm.

R. The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

The LORD has made his salvation known: in the sight of the nations he has revealed his justice.

He has remembered his kindness and his faithfulness

toward the house of Israel.

R. The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation by our God. Sing joyfully to the LORD, all you lands; break into song; sing praise.

R. The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.



John 14:23

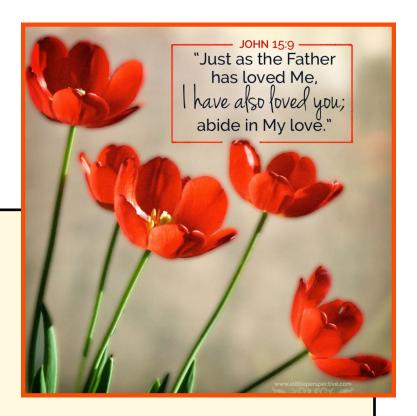
#### R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Whoever loves me will keep my word, says the Lord,

and my Father will love him and we will come to him.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

#### GOSPEL FOR THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, YEAR B



## GOSPEL John 15:9-17 A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said to his disciples: "As the Father loves me, so I also love you.

Remain in my love.

If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love.

"I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and your joy might be complete.

This is my commandment: love one another as I love you.

No one has greater love than this,

to lay down one's life for one's friends.

You are my friends if you do what I command you.

I no longer call you slaves,

because a slave does not know what his master is doing.

I have called you friends,

because I have told you everything I have heard from my Father.

It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name he may give you. This I command you: love one another."

The Gospel of the Lord.



#### Love is the Guide Sixth Sunday of Easter, Year B May 9, 2021 Ann Naffziger

Reading I: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48 Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 98:1, 2-3, 3-4 Reading II: 1 John 4:7-10 Gospel: John 15:9-17

This week, we hear a Gospel reading with Jesus' invitation to "remain in my love" and to "love one

another as I love you." He doesn't spell out endless rules ("Do this." "Don't do that.") which we need to memorize and follow in order to do what is right. Instead, his invitation is simply to focus on remaining connected to him ("remain in me") and letting all of our actions flow from a commitment to loving others as he loved us.

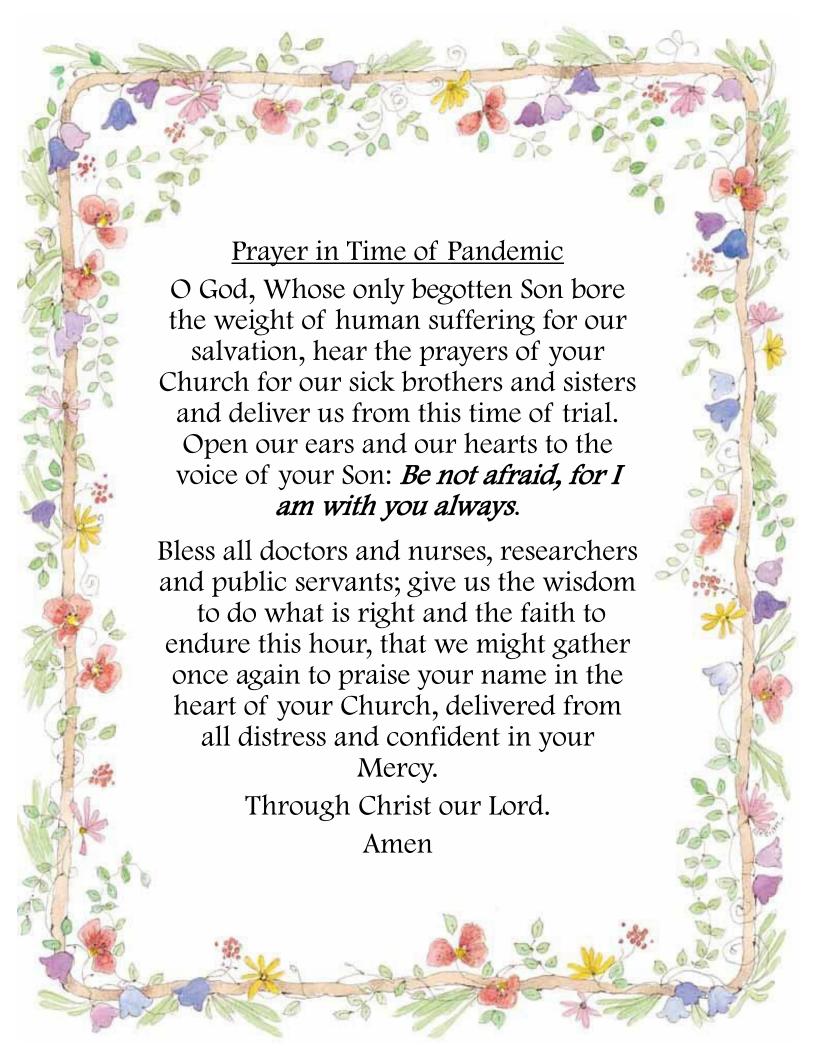
It is an invitation for a mature follower. Just as we need to spell out many simple rules to help younger children understand right from wrong, with "younger" disciples more rules or "commandments" are helpful. Feed the hungry. Clothe the naked. Pray for your enemies. Forgive those who have hurt you.

There is nothing wrong with following a list of religious commandments as we learn how to be faithful disciples. At a certain point, though, our faith needs to mature to take into account more complex situations-the gray areas between the black-and-white, or simple right and wrong. Jesus is asking us to go beyond what the rules say and commands *us to respond in love to everyone*, just as he did.

Jesus gives us a lot of respect here, insisting that we are his friends, not his students, his servants, or his slaves, when we love one another as he does. Often Christians fall into the habit of relating to God or Jesus as a child to a parent, but Jesus suggests a more equal relationship. God will always be God, and we will always be human, but Jesus still invites us to be in friendship with him.

#### **Questions of the Week**

- 1. Think of a situation in which the difference between right and wrong might be blurred but you are asked to respond with love rather than holding strictly to what a law or commandment says. How does it challenge you to be more Christ-like?
- 2. Have you ever thought of yourself as being friends with Jesus? How so? If not, what is your reaction to this invitation?



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Dear Food Pantry Clients,

In this changing environment, due to the increased impact of the Corona Virus, we are once again implementing a new procedure effective immediately for your safety as well as the safety of all our volunteers. We will continue this procedure as long as we are able.

The **latest** schedule for the Southborough Food Pantry will be: Thursday evenings from 6:30-7:30 p.m. (Clients only, please!) Friday mornings from 9:30-10:30 a.m. (Clients only, please!) Please note: we **will not** be open on Tuesday evenings.

By <u>4 p.m.</u> on Wednesdays, please provide us by e-mail (southboroughfoodpantry@gmail.com) a list of your needs, being as specific as possible. Give us a preference for the meat you would like. We will fill it if we have it or when you pick up your order, we will offer you an alternative meat selection. If you do not have access to an e-mail, please call us at 508-485-4847, wait for the Pantry prompt and then leave your name and phone number. We will call you back to get your order.

**NEW!** When you come to the Pantry on Thursday evening or Friday morning, please stay in your car. Someone will direct you where to park. Masks are required from this point on. When directed, get out of your car and go into Fellowship Hall. Follow the arrows inside to look at the selections and get your grocery bags which will be on a cart. Take your cart with all your groceries to your car. Return the cart to the Pantry person outside. All carts will be sanitized before use by the next person. \*\*If you do not feel safe coming inside at this time, we will bring your groceries out to you.

IMPORTANT: This pick up service is for all clients unless you are sick or personally unable to get to the Pantry. For these clients, we will deliver to your outside door or patio.

We thank all of you for your cooperation. We pray that the impact of this virus will quickly come to an end.

Sincerely,

The Food Pantry Coordinators

Please keep these times for Pantry Clients only. Donations can be made at any other time by leaving items in bins by the pantry door at Pilgrim Church (or at local parish collection sites). Please secure donation bin lid, especially during inclement weather.

#### SOUTHBOROUGH YOUTH AND FAMILY SERVICES

## we are still here to serve

While our building is closed to the public, SYFS is still available to the residents of Southborough.

Our need-based services are here to help all families affected by Covid-19. If you are worried about a bill, heat, a car payment or food, our Emergency Fund may be able to help you.

For more resources, check our website: https://www.southboroughtown.com/youthand-family-services

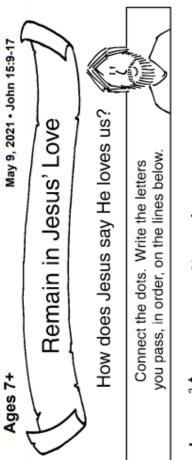
For questions about how to apply for help, please call/text Shannon at (978) 310-1182 or email skinayman@southboroughma.com

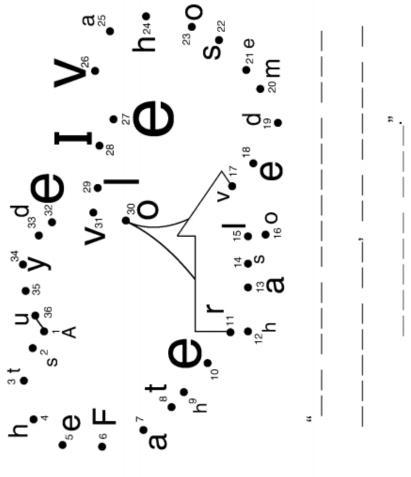


What does Jesus say His command is?

Cross out each word below that has one of these letters in it: Z J K Q. Write the remaining words below.

THIS QUICK IS EJECT
MY QUIET COMMAND
JOKE LOVE KING
EACH LARK OTHER
ZOO.





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# How does Jesus command us to love?

Unscramble the words on the left. Then solve the math problems to match the answers.

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CAEH = \_\_\_\_\_\_

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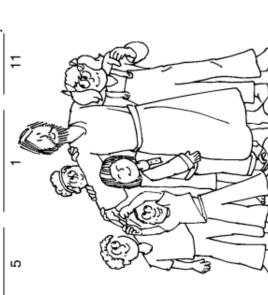
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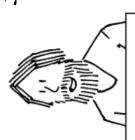
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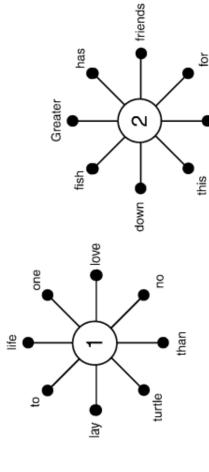
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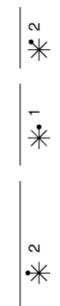


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Match the code with the words to fill in the blanks.





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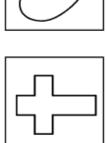
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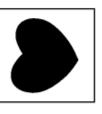
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to lay down one's life for one's friends." "Greater love has no one than this:

the missing items in the boxes below. Finish the pattern by drawing















Circle) the 2 that are alike in each row.

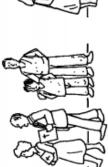
We should love each other

as Jesus has loved us.

Remain in Jesus' Love



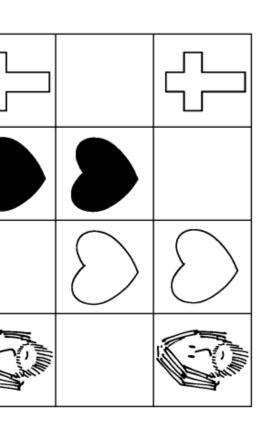








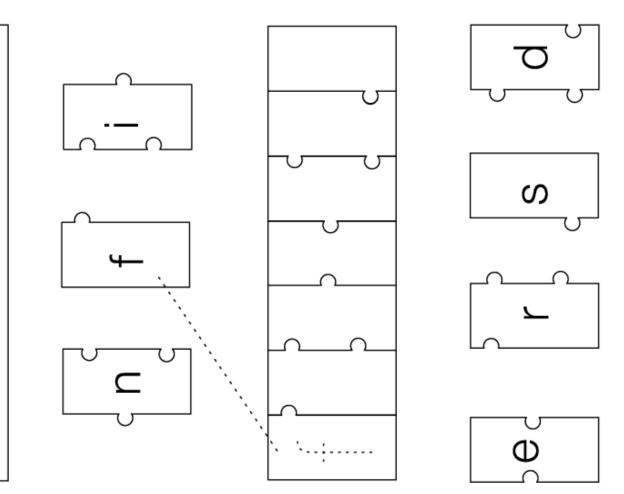
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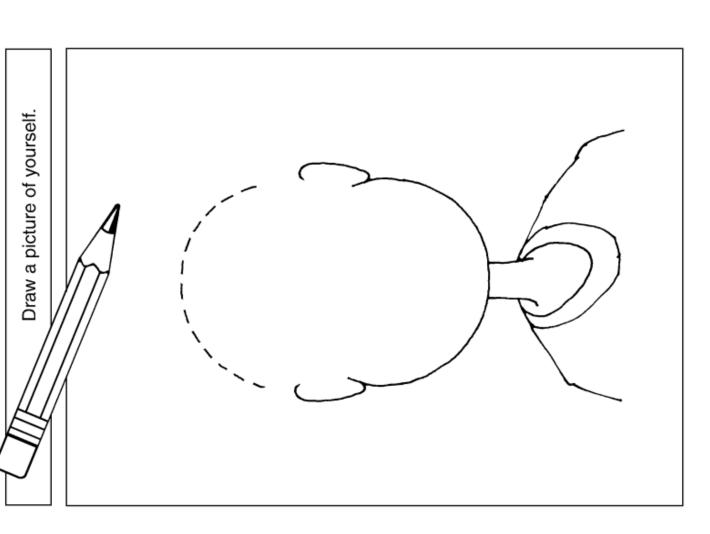


Jesus has chosen you

so you can do good things.

If we do what Jesus teaches, He calls us His ... Match the puzzle pieces and write the letters.







#### St. Anne Response to Phase One of the Reopening

St. Anne Parish is committed to the health and well-being of our people and community. Please find the guidelines that are intended for use in the first phase of lifting the suspension on public celebrations of the Sacred Liturgy, as announced by Bishop McManus on May 18, 2020. (*Updated 3/2/21*)

Restriction on the size of Public Gatherings: In his updated order of March 2021 Governor Baker mandated a strict limitation of fifty percent of the building occupancy permit of any public gathering, an increase from the twenty-five percent mandated in February. Any public celebration of the Liturgy or public devotions should be limited to fifty percent of the capacity of the church, as recorded on the occupancy permit, including liturgical ministers, the faithful and all support personnel. Keeping this fifty percent policy in mind, our church can hold only 100 parishioners. Given spacing issues for social distancing, once there are 50 parishioners in the church, an usher will direct the faithful to the Parish Hall abiding by the same restrictions in the church.

Continuing Suspension of the Sunday Obligation: Because older adults and those with underlying health conditions continue to be advised to avoid public assemblies, <u>the suspension of the obligation</u> to attend Mass on Sundays has been extended to the Solemnity of Pentecost, May 23, 2021.

**Protocol Education:** Parishioners will be reminded of the continuing necessity of social distancing and what they is expect when they return to church with the appropriate educational materials in the form of bulletin inserts, Flocknote, social media and parish websites. There will be reminders at the start of the Masses too.

#### THE CHURCH BUILDING

**Holy Water:** All standing Holy Water will be removed from all fonts. Small individual bottles of Holy Water might be appropriately provided for parishioners at their request. Holy Water is also kept in larger closed container in front of the altar, from which the faithful might draw a personal supply.

**Hymnals and Missalettes**: Hymnals and Missalettes are removed from the pews and are stored for possible future use. Please use online sources for the daily readings, etc. which may be accessed on their cell phone.

Marking the Floor: The floor will be marked with removable tape at six-foot intervals approaching all communion stations and approaching the rest rooms in the parish hall.

**Cleaning:** Pew backs and surfaces in bathrooms will be disinfected after every Mass. Door handles and other surfaces will also be disinfected daily. Parish staff will disinfect the church buildings after each Mass with a fogger machine.

#### PEOPLE ARRIVING AT CHURCH

Masks and Social Distancing: All members of the congregation should be masked and required to observe a minimum of a six-foot social distance. Liturgical ministers are not masked, except for the isolated instances noted below. People with medical/disabling conditions are exempted. We request them to go to the cry room or foyer at the main entrance of the church. It is mainly to avoid the unnecessary anxieties that would create among other parishioners.

**Seating**: In order to promote social distancing, we have taped every other pew. As you enter the church, you will notice blue taped pews which should not be occupied. Please occupy the ones that has small blue square tape. We recommend that only three people should be seated in a pew, unless it is a family.

**Ushers:** We would like to have two ushers for every Mass and would appreciate if you could volunteer. We hope to have younger and healthier parishioners. Their tasks would be:

- Wear a mask and assure that everyone entering the church has a mask or other suitable face covering;
- Direct those entering the Church to observe social distancing;
- At the time for Distribution of Holy Communion, direct communicants to leave their pews one row at a time while observing the requisite social distancing.

**One Entrance**: There will be only one entrance to the church in order to reduce the overflow of parishioners. The door near the ramp will be open and all other doors will be locked.

#### THE MASS

**Singing:** A cantor and organist may lead the music. No congregational singing is allowed, with the exception of the Gospel Acclamation, Sanctus, Memorial Acclamation, Great Amen and Agnus Dei. The Opening and Closing music are instrumental or sung only by the cantor/organist. All the other parts of the Mass are recited.

**Seating of Liturgical Ministers:** Liturgical ministers should be seated at a minimal distance of six feet from each other. The first pew in front of the ambo is reserved for lectors and Extra ordinary ministers. Please find acnearby seat if someone comes with a wheel chair.

**Processions:** Entrance and recessional processions will be suspended. The Priest will be entering the sanctuary directly from the sacristy.

Collection: Instead of passing collection baskets, please place your weekly donations in the basket, kept near the entrance of the church.

**Offertory Procession;** The offertory procession is suspended.

**Preparation of the Gifts:** The priest will take care of the preparation of gifts. In case we have altar servers, they will be asked to keep a social distance of six-foot. Servers bringing the gifts to the Priest or washing the hands at the lavabo should wear a mask. This is the only time during the Mass when the servers will wear a mask.

**Reception of Holy Communion in the church**: Hand sanitizer will be kept in the middle of the church, approximately at the fourth pew near the sanctuary. As each person leaves their pew to come for Communion, use the hand sanitizer to sanitize one's hands before receiving Holy Communion.

**Reception of Holy Communion in the Parish Hall:** The extra ordinary minister will bring Holy Communion to you and so you do not need to stand in queue. The usher will give you the hand sanitizer before you receive Holy Communion.

All Physical Contact Avoided: The invitation to exchange the Sign of Peace and the shaking of hands with parishioners at the end of Mass are suspended.

#### **DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION**

**Both Species:** The distribution of the Precious Blood to all is suspended.

**Communion on the Tongue:** We encourage all the parishioners to receive Holy Communion on their hands. If someone still wishes to receive on the tongue, the priest and extra ordinary ministers will **not** refuse.

**Ministers of Holy Communion:** Priests and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion will be masked but not gloved. They will use hand sanitizer before and after the distribution of Holy Communion;

**During the Distribution of Holy Communion:** While the distribution of Holy Communion takes place in the usual manner, care should be taken to avoid all contact with the hands or tongue of the communicant. To this end, a small table should be placed in front of the altar with an unfolded corporal and a bottle of hand sanitizer. Whenever the minister of Holy Communion senses that he/she has touched the hand or tongue of a communicant he/she stops immediately, places the ciborium on the corporal, purifies his/her fingers, and returns to the distribution of Holy Communion.

Cleansing Vessels: All Communion Vessels should be thoroughly washed after each Mass once they have been purified.

#### **CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENTS**

The Sacrament of Confession: Traditional confessionals are unsafe due to the closeness of the Priest and penitent separated only by a grill not designed to prevent virus transmission. Likewise, the transmission of the virus from one penitent to another is possible via the surfaces touched and the dangers from aerosolization of the virus in a small space. The small size of most "Rooms of Reconciliation" present similar potential dangers. We will use our **cry room** as confessional room for time being. If the weather is good, we might have it near the ramp of our parish office. Whether the confession is heard in the cry room or near the ramp, both priest and penitent should wear a mask or face covering. The confession should not last longer than **three to five minutes**, in order to limit exposure of both Priest and penitent.

**The confession** will be heard from 4:15 pm to 5:00 pm on Saturdays and from 6:30 to 7:00 p.m. on first Wednesdays. You are welcome to call and make appointment at any other time.

**Anointing of the Sick**: The priest will begin to return to administering the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick to their parishioners. He will discuss with the person or family with regard to Covid+ and non-Covid+ patients before going to anoint.

**Funerals**: Funeral Masses may be celebrated with the same restrictions as for any Mass, including the appropriate provisions for social distancing and liturgical adaptations. The family should be seated by the Funeral Director upon arriving in Church. Only 50 people are allowed to attend the funeral. If there are more than 50 people, the Parish Hall will be set up with closed circuit TV.

**Weddings:** The Sacrament of Matrimony may be celebrated with the same restrictions as for any Mass, including the appropriate provisions for social distancing and liturgical adaptations. Only 50 people are allowed to attend the wedding. The Parish Hall will also be available.

**Baptisms:** Only individual Baptisms may be celebrated with a prudent limitation on the number of people present and the requisite considerations for social distancing. All rites should take place with the family remaining in the pew, with the exception of the moment of Baptism, when either the parents or godparents approach the font while carrying the child and then, after the explanatory rites, return to their pew. All who are present wear masks throughout, with the exception of the Priest and the child to be baptized. Only 50 people are allowed to attend the baptism. All baptisms will be celebrated **outside** of the Mass until further notice.

**Confirmations:** Our Religious Education Director and Confirmation teachers await from the diocese the date and protocol for the Confirmation Mass in the spring of 2021. Updates will be provided to families as soon as verified. Retreat plans will be sent out to families as soon as possible taking into account best health practices.

**First Holy Communion:** Our Religious Education Director and First Holy Communion teachers are in constant discussion about the scheduling of First Holy Communion Mass(es) in the spring of 2021. We will update plan taking into account family input and best health practices.

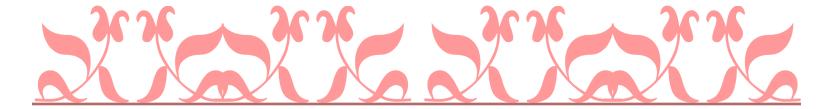
**Adoration on Wednesdays:** We have resumed Holy Hour on Wednesdays. Signup is located in the church foyer bulletin board. The revised hours are from the conclusion of daily Mass until 6:00 p.m.

**Parish office will be open**: The Parish Office will be open from 9:30 am to 3:00 pm Monday through Thursday and from 9:30 am to noon on Fridays. Please remember to wear a face covering and to follow social distancing rules. We encourage our parishioners to come and be seated in the couch placed at the entrance of the Parish Office rather than walking in to the secretary's office.

**Seminarian for pastoral exposure**: We anticipate having a seminarian for the summer of 2021 to have pastoral exposure. Any updates will be posted in the bulletin and in the parish website.

**Masses:** We have regular Mass at 9:00 am from Monday to Thursday. We will accommodate only 50 parishioners for the weekday Mass. We also have weekend Masses: Saturday at 5:00 pm and Sunday 8:30 am, 10:30 am, and 5:30 pm. The 5:00 p.m. and 10:30 a.m. Masses will continue to be livestreamed.

Live Streaming: Regular Masses and Weekend Masses will still be live streamed and so our parishioners who are unable to participate in the Eucharist physically, will be able to have spiritual participation.



#### Additional Questions on Phase I Re-Opening

In the course of the first week of reopening, priests and other pastoral leaders have worked assiduously to faithfully implement the guidelines mandated by Bishop McManus in his decree of May 18, 2020. As many of these priests have also sought the guidance of the Office for Divine Worship in implementing these guidelines, the following clarifications are offered for the benefit of our readers.

#### Should bulletins be distributed at the end of Mass?

Epidemiologists caution against the distribution of printed materials to the faithful at Mass. The risk if such materials are left on a table or in a box is that repeated accidental contact with surfaces may leave traces of the virus. The risk if ushers pass out bulletins at the end of Mass stems from the additional violation of social distance between the usher and members of the Congregation and the interruption of an ordered and socially distant exit from the Church. Therefore, we continue to distribute bulletins by emails only. If you would like to receive a bulletin, please inform the office.

#### How should hosts for the faithful be safely consecrated?

A ciborium or other vessel with hosts for distribution to the faithful should be placed on a corporal at some distance from the breath of the celebrant. The ciborium should be covered with a pall except from the epiclesis through the words of consecration.

Is the true maximum capacity of a Church always forty percent of building capacity? No. The true maximum capacity should be the number of seats possible while maintaining a minimal social distance of six feet up to a maximum of forty percent of building capacity.

#### Can the family provide readers for funerals?

Reservations concerning the use of readers or other ministers seated in the congregation grow from the repeated contact with surfaces on the pew and ambo. Priests may choose to discourage ministers from sitting in the congregation or find a way to wipe down the pew and ambo immediately after their service is completed.

