



LITURGICAL UPDATES

THE OBLIGATION TO ATTEND SUNDAY MASS

In light of improving circumstances, a reduction in infections, and more people being vaccinated, the Bishops of Ohio have decided that the general obligation to attend Mass on Sunday and Holy Days is to be reinstated on June 5-6, 2021.

Those who are ill, have significant health risk factors or care for someone who is compromised or ill, are exempt from attending Mass on Sunday and Holy Days as well as those who have *significant* fear or anxiety of contracting the coronavirus in a large group of people. Whatever your personal circumstances are, you are all important to us, and we are grateful that you are part of our parish family.

- **MASKS AND HAND SANITIZING:**

The Diocese of Youngstown is no longer requiring those who are fully vaccinated to wear facial coverings in church. We thank all who continue to wear masks for their own protection, for their families, and for the comfort of others. Liturgical ministers will continue to wear masks.

We will continue to sanitize hands when entering church and at Communion.

- **SOCIAL DISTANCE SECTION:**

For the time being, one side of the church will continue to be used for social distancing based on the desire of those attending Mass. We hope this section will be of use to create a welcoming and comfortable environment for all. Ushers will be available to help with sitting, if necessary. If you sit in this section, please continue to wear masks and social distance for the comfort of others. We will re-evaluate as we go forward.

- **MASS AND COMMUNION:**

- During the Sign of Peace, we will refrain from physical contact, but will continue in a distanced way, with a bow or friendly wave. Those from the same household can offer a more expressive gesture.
- The collection will remain the same with baskets placed at the doors.
- The Communion process will remain the same. At this time, we will not be receiving from the cup or receiving communion on the tongue.
- Eucharistic Ministers will slowly be re-introduced.

- **LIVESTREAM**

For those who cannot be present in person due to health or significant anxiety, we will continue the rotating schedule of livestreaming our Masses on the parish Facebook page.

- **VOLUNTEERS**

We are grateful for our Ushers, Greeters, Servers, Lectors, and Eucharistic Ministers. If you are interested in joining one of the Liturgical Ministry teams, please call the parish office or return the form in today's bulletin.