

Saint Ann Parish
Protocols for Weekend Masses
as of Saturday June 27, 2020

Introduction

We thank you for your cooperation, patience and good spirit as we live through the process of being a parish within the Covid-19 Pandemic.

Please Note

No one is obliged to attend Mass. Archbishop Pérez has suspended the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays or Holydays of Obligation until further notice.

If you are not feeling well please stay home for your own sake and for the sake of others.

If you are in an “at risk” category, please stay home and participate in our livestreamed Mass. You are at risk if you are an older adult (age 65 and older) or if you are a person of any age who has a serious underlying medical condition.

Masks must be worn by all in attendance except for those under the age of two and those who cannot wear them for medical reasons. Please bring your own mask and have it on as you approach chapel.

We will publish the Scripture Readings, the Gloria, the Creed and the Act of Spiritual Communion on Flocknote before each

weekend. You may opt to print the Flocknote liturgical aid for the week and bring it with you or you might prefer to use Flocknote via a mobile device during Mass. Please note, however, that chapel does not yet have WiFi.

Limited Seating Capacity

In the process of implementing the protocols for social distancing we are learning that we can accommodate about 85 individual worshippers per Mass. This number is fluid, though, because those who live in the same dwelling may sit together more closely.

How Do I Reserve A Seat for Mass?

With patience and a good spirit. In this unprecedented situation we are asking for your cooperation by helping us to prepare for and celebrate Mass in a way that includes public health precautions. Remember, you are not so much “reserving a seat” as helping us prepare to worship together safely.

Each **Wednesday at 2:00 PM** we will post a sign-up link on our **Parish Homepage**. Please follow the instructions of our link and please let us know if you have any difficulties with our process so that we may continue to improve our reservation process. You may also reserve seats by phoning the parish office (610-933-3732) at or soon after 2:00 PM on Wednesdays.

What If I Am Not Able to Reserve a Seat for Mass?

We will continue to listen to our members and do what we can to have a seat for everyone.

We will continue to **livestream our 9:30 AM Sunday Masses** for those who are not yet comfortable gathering in a large setting and for our members whom we are not able to accommodate due to social distancing limitations in chapel

Arriving at Chapel

The front doors of Chapel will be opened **30 minutes** prior to the starting time of Mass.

Entering Chapel

Everyone must enter by way of our **Main Street doors** which (weather permitting) will be propped open.

Please maintain proper **social distancing** while waiting to enter the chapel.

Everyone must wear a **mask** and everyone **must sanitize** his or her hands as they enter the chapel using the sanitizers that will be located in our Main Street Lobby.

Non-contact forehead thermometers will be used to check the temperature of each worshipper.

There will be a secure cabinet in the Main Street lobby in which you may place your **Sunday donation**.

As you enter, masked ushers will welcome you and direct you to a seat in chapel. No one may seat himself or herself.

Holy Water fonts will be empty and no holy water will be available to take home until further notice.

The pews that will be in use will have seats designated. That said, families who live in the same dwelling may sit more closely together in the same pew.

During Mass

No Entrance Procession. The lector will be seated when Mass starts and the priest alone will approach the altar. Please note that the priest and lector will not be wearing masks while performing their functions in the sanctuary.

No hymnals and no singing

No Quiet Room (Cry Room)

No Collection during Mass. You may drop your offering envelope or loose cash into the secure cabinet in the Main Street Lobby of chapel as you enter Chapel or you may choose to use online giving as many of our members are doing by visiting <https://churchofsaintann.org/donations>

No Presentation of Gifts

Please do not hold hands during the Our Father

No Sign of Peace until further notice.

Holy Communion

While our worshippers are welcome to receive Our Lord in Holy Communion, **no one must receive Holy Communion.** You may attend Mass and opt to make an Act of Spiritual Communion.

All those administering Holy Communion will sanitize their hands in public view and wear masks.

Communicants should not be wearing gloves when they receive Communion. Communicants should wear their mask as they receive the Sacred Host.

Communicants will be directed to the proper Communion Station by our ushers and we will have single lines as communicants approach Communion Stations. For now we will discontinue the double line approach we have used in our center aisle.

The floors will be marked for social distancing as people approach the Communion Stations.

No one may receive Holy Communion on the tongue until further notice.

After receiving Holy Communion, take two steps to the side, lower your mask, receive the Body of Christ, reset your mask and return to your seat.

Dismissal & Departure

The Priest will leave first.

The ushers will direct the exiting from the pews, beginning in the rear of chapel and congregants may exit by any one of our side doors in chapel. Weather permitting, the side doors will be propped open as Mass ends.

Please leave chapel immediately when you are dismissed and continue to observe social distancing. Unfortunately, no one may remain in Chapel for private prayer until further notice.

After Mass

If, after having attended a Sunday Mass, you have a positive COVID test, *please contact our parish office immediately* so that we may post this information on our parish social media. We will not share your name with anyone; however, we will inform our parishioners that a person who tested positive for COVID was in attendance at that particular Mass the previous weekend.

Thank you for your cooperation.