

## **Saint Pius X Parish – The Resumption of Public Mass**

*The staff are very excited to welcome you back to the church! We have missed your presence and look forward to celebrating the Eucharist with you again!*

### **IMPORTANT DATES**

Public Masses will resume on Saturday June 20.

**WE ARE ADDING MASSES TO ACCOMMODATE MORE PEOPLE.**

#### **The Temporary Mass Schedule will be:**

Saturday Masses will be at 4:00PM & 6:00PM

Sunday Masses will be at 7:30AM, 9:30AM and 11:30 AM.

Mass will still be recorded for the home-bound.

Weekday masses will remain at 7:30 a.m. Monday through Friday.

### **SHOULD I ATTEND PUBLIC MASS?**

Bishop Matano has lifted the obligation to attend Sunday Mass for the faithful until further notice. If you are in the vulnerable category, please consider remaining sheltered in place. If you have cold or flu symptoms, please remain home. If you are simply concerned about your safety, or the safety of a family member, please find peace in remaining sheltered in place.

### **WHAT SHOULD I BRING?**

It is required that you wear a face mask or covering. If you choose to wear gloves, you will be required to remove them before receiving Holy Communion.

We also suggest that you bring your own private container of hand sanitizer and a mobile device to follow along with the readings. There will not be hymnals in the pews.

### **WHAT DO I NEED TO DO BEFORE COMING TO MASS?**

#### **FIRST, YOU NEED TO MAKE A RESERVATION TO ATTEND MASS.**

We are still limited by the 25% capacity and 6 feet social distancing. Because of the reduced capacity of church, you need to make a reservation each weekend for the mass you want to attend.

Reservations may be made through our parish website [www.saintpiustenth.com](http://www.saintpiustenth.com) beginning on Wednesdays at 12:01 a.m. up until 12:00 p.m. Fridays. You will receive a confirmation email for your reservation. You will need to bring that email (or be able to show it on your device) when you arrive at church.

For those who do not have internet and email, you may make a reservation by calling the parish office 585-247-2566 Wednesdays, Thursdays and Friday from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m.

The reservation will be only for the upcoming weekend. You will need to make reservations for each week.

#### **IF YOU ARE NOT ABLE TO COME FORWARD FOR COMMUNION, PLEASE ASK FOR HANDICAP SEATING WHEN MAKING YOUR RESERVATION.**

You will not be able to enter church until 15 minutes before mass.

If you arrive late, you may lose your seat.

If you do not have a reservation, you will be able to wait in a standby line to see if any seats are available before mass begins.

Hospitality ministers will receive your receipt of reservation.

Parishioners will be seated from the front to the back in order of arrival.

Hospitality ministers will seat you and help you maintain social distancing in pews.

Members of the same household may sit next to each other without social distancing.

People will not be allowed to slide past one another in the pews.

Everyone over the age of 2 needs to have a mask that covers nose and mouth.

You may want to have your own container of sanitizer to bring with you.

You may want to bring a mobile device (phone or tablet) to follow along with the readings from a website such as the United States Catholic Bishops Website: [usccb.org](http://usccb.org).

Restrooms are for emergencies only; children must be accompanied by an adult.

There is no seating in the Narthex, Children's Room or Sensory Room.

The Children's Room will be closed. If you have a child that requires attention or calming you will have to do so outside.

## **WILL COMING TO MASS BE DIFFERENT?**

We are not allowed to have any holy water in the fonts.

When you arrive at your seat, you'll notice the pew backs are empty of hymnals.

Next, you will note that the opening welcome has been omitted.

Our choirs will not serve for the time being; instrumentalists and cantors will be limited.

During Mass the gifts will not be brought to the altar.

The passing of the collection baskets has been suspended.

Collection containers will be staged for donations to be deposited as you come into Church.

These containers can receive any donation you might have. Please mark your donation accordingly.

We also offer online giving. Please call the church office or visit our website for more information.

Please refrain from holding hands with neighbors during the Lord's Prayer.

The Sign of Peace will remain omitted.

## **WILL I BE ABLE TO RECEIVE COMMUNION?**

The Communion procession will take place at the usual time. Hospitality Ministers will guide you from your pews to the side aisles. During the Communion procession, you will be asked to form a single line in the side aisle and remain 6 feet apart from others, observing the markings on the floor. Bishop Matano has directed all priests/deacons to wear a mask at this time, so that we do not unknowingly infect you and you do not infect us. After we say, 'The Body of Christ' and you respond 'Amen', approach the priest/deacon and stop an arm's length from us. Lower your mask, extend your arms, open your hand up fully, receive Holy Communion, step away from us, and then consume the Sacred Host. Put your mask back on and then return to your pew by the center aisle. Please know that no one will be given Holy Communion with gloves on. The Precious Blood will not be distributed. The body and blood, together with the soul and divinity, of our Lord Jesus Christ is present equally under both species of Communion. If one receives only one species, Christ is fully present, and nothing is lacking.

## **HOW WILL YOU MANAGE ATTENDANCE AND SOCIAL DISTANCING?**

The governor has placed a 25% maximum capacity while maintain social distancing.

Here at St. Pius X we will follow the guidelines offered from the Re-Opening New York Plan as well as the guidelines from the Diocese of Rochester.

To ensure that we are complying with these guidelines, we will be asking attendees to RSVP for the weekend Masses. That link is available at our website. Or you may call the parish office to make a reservation if you are not active on the internet or with email.

People will be seated from front to back as you enter church, maintaining the 6 feet social distancing. People from the same household may sit next to each other. There will be seating in every other pew, keeping alternating pews empty to maintain social distancing.

At the end of Mass, people will be dismissed by the Hospitality Ministers starting from the last pew and working to the front. We need to make sure that social distancing is maintained.

Sanitation of the church will begin immediately after dismissal in order to prepare for the next Mass. Your efficiency and cooperation will be greatly appreciated

There will be no congregating in the Narthex. Please exit the building and proceed directly to your car, maintaining 6-foot social distance.

## **CLEANING AND SANITIZATION**

Between Masses, pews and chairs will be sanitized.

At the end of each weekend Mass, the bathrooms will be cleaned and sanitized.

## **COOPERATION**

**The staff of St. Pius X has always worked hard to provide a secure and beautiful church experience for our parishioners and visitors. As we welcome you back for public Mass, we will continue to do everything we can to provide a safe, clean, and spirit-filled encounter with the Risen Christ.**

**We need your cooperation for the entire parish to be able to come and pray, worship and receive Holy Communion. Please pray for things to go smoothly as we return to the public celebration of mass.**