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*The Ascension of the Lord*

**WHILE WE LOOK FORWARD TO WELCOMING YOU BACK TO MASS,  
REDUCING THE RISK AND MAINTAINING SOCIAL DISTANCE IS FIRST AND FOREMOST.  
HERE ARE SOME HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE BISHOPS OF OHIO TO ENSURE YOUR SAFETY.**

- Everyone is dispensed from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass at this time.
- Space will be limited at Sunday worship. If you wish to receive Holy Communion you may want to consider attending a weekday Mass.
- Those who are feeling sick or experiencing symptoms of illness are expected to stay home.
- We strongly urge the most vulnerable, the elderly (65+), and their caregivers to stay home.
- Parishioners are encouraged to wear a mask at church.
- The Bishops ask that the Sunday morning live streaming Masses continue.
- For safe social distancing according to the Bishop's guidelines, we will block off every other pew which allows space for non-family members to be six feet away from other parishioners. Household family members can sit together. **From the chart below, you can see that full capacity at St. John will be reduced to about 125 and at Holy Trinity to about 80.**
- The other guidelines from the Bishops will be covered in the rest of this bulletin.

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- While configured differently, the 27 rows at St. John (19 ft long) and the 20 rows at Holy Trinity (18 ft long) are virtually equal in length.
- X represents a one-person household or one person attending on their own.
- Multiple X's represent multi-person households.
- To achieve six feet social distancing - *imagine two yardsticks* - the center of a row can only be used when three individuals spread out across the row.
- Each row can safely hold no more than four or five people - unless they are the all in same household.
- Please follow directions from ushers. We want to avoid crowds stuck at an entrance or in an aisle looking for a seat.



# Frequently Asked Questions

## 1. Do I have to wear a mask to Mass?

The Bishops are asking that everyone who is able to wear a mask. Besides protecting others around you, a mask will also keep you from touching your own face. You could make your own mask, buy your own mask, or get one from our limited supply of disposable ones.

## 2. What entrances will be open?

Weather permitting doors will be open for you to have a touch-free entry into church. Hand sanitizer will be available as you enter. Please use it. All regular entrances will be available at both churches except the lower Curtis Street door at St. John, which will not be open.

## 3. Can I sit in my usual spot?

Probably not. Every other pew will be blocked off. If you have trouble finding a place no closer than six feet from another parishioner perhaps an usher can help you.

## 4. What about Missals ?

All missals and prayer cards have to be removed. The missals that we have will be stacked at the church doors. Feel free to take one but take it home - do not leave it. When they're all gone, they're all gone.

## 5. What about the Bulletin?

If you pick up a bulletin before Mass please make sure you take it home.

## 6. Will there be a Collection and an Offertory Procession?

There will be no collection during Mass and no offertory processions are permitted. We need and appreciate your continued support of the parish. You'll find donation baskets in the front of the church.

## 7. Can we hold hands for The Lord's Prayer or shake hands at the Sign of Peace?

There should be no physical contact at The Lord's Prayer or Sign of Peace except for immediate family members.

## 8. How will we receive Communion?

There will be no Communion from the cup. The Eucharistic Minister, wearing a mask, will place the host in your hand without touching you. As you receive the host in your hand, reply "Amen," and then take a step or two away from the Eucharistic Minister, pick up the host with one hand and with the other, lift your mask at your chin to place the Communion in your mouth. Another big issue is maintaining social distancing in line while coming up for Communion.

Instead of the usual two lines, there'll be a single line in the middle of the center aisle.



## 9. How should we leave when Mass is over?

Social distancing is the issue. This is the same problem of coming into the church. We all have to maintain a safe distance. Parishioners can take turns in row order.

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## 10. What about weekday Masses?



The Bishops recognize that not everybody will get to attend Sunday Mass for lack of space. They encourage you to go to a weekday Mass instead. We are very fortunate to have two worship sites which allows us to protect better against the virus. In the Mass Schedule on the last page you will note that Masses for Monday, Wednesday and Friday will be at Holy Trinity Church and Masses for Tuesday and Thursday will be at St John Church. The Monday Mass is at 6:00 p.m.

## 11. Cleaning of the Churches

The pews and the restrooms will be carefully cleaned after each Mass. This does not mean that the churches will be 100% germ-free. Just like other public spaces - the grocery, drug store, etc. - you will need to be cautious about what you touch. For your safety, hand sanitizer will be available at the doors.

## 12. Can I light a votive candle?

Yes, but it would probably be better to light a votive candle *after* Mass is over and the church has mostly cleared out. Taking turns approaching the votive candles might be necessary.

## 13. What if I need to talk to Fr. Civile?

Fr. Civile likes bantering with you. However, the Bishops have asked the pastors not to greet parishioners without safe social distancing. Moreover the Bishops say elderly pastors have to be especially careful. *"I'll keep that in mind for the future!"* If you wish to speak to the pastor call the office anytime.

## 14. What about RCIA, First Communion and Confirmation?

We're planning to welcome our new members at the 10:30 AM Mass on Corpus Christi Sunday, June 14th. We don't yet know when we'll celebrate First Communion and Confirmation. Each of these Sacraments include more than 40 students and their families - much larger groups than our current RCIA class. We'll have a better idea in a few weeks after we've celebrated several public Masses and worked out the bugs - and hopefully we'll be in a better position statewide regarding the coronavirus.

## 15. Are the St. John XXIII 8th Graders Graduating?

The graduation ceremony was filmed on Sunday, May 15th and will air on Thursday, May 21st at 7:00 p.m. via the school and parish websites and Facebook posts. Congratulations 8th graders! We're sorry you'll miss a lot of celebrations but you'll have great stories to tell your grandchildren some day.

## 16. Is there anything else that might be different or something else I should know?

We will not be using choirs. We may use a musician or cantor at Mass, but not groups that sing together. Fr. Civile will be presiding at Mass without a server. The 10:30 AM Nursery will remain closed. We'll be counting attendees and making adjustments as quickly as we can during the first two weeks of public Masses. We will likely have further changes and will share additional communications on this using robocalls and future bulletins. If you have any questions or comments please call the office.

## 17. Where do we go from here?

Who knows? We will continue to follow the guidelines of the Bishops of Ohio. In the meantime, we all have to take a fresh look at personal responsibility. In terms of our physical health, we want to take appropriate precautions for ourselves and for those we come in contact with. For our spiritual health, we don't have the regular traditional supports of Mass, Sacraments, and socializing with parishioners. We have to decide what prayers and practices we will do. We will be making regular suggestions on the website and bulletin.

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## NEW CURRENT HOLY FAMILY MASS SCHEDULE

### Monday, May 25 Memorial Day

6:00 PM Mass HT Tony & Rina Rogers

### Tuesday, May 26

12:10 PM Mass SJ Roger Romer

### Wednesday, May 27

12:10 PM Mass HT Jim Beatty

### Thursday, May 28

12:10 PM Mass SJ Corless / Moore Families

### Friday, May 29

8:00 AM Mass HT Jack Wills - Wedding Anniversary Rem.

### Saturday, May 30

4:30 PM Mass SJ Roger and David South

### Sunday, May 31 Pentecost

9:00 AM Mass HT June Toth - Birthday Remembrance

10:30 AM Mass SJ Michael Faeta - Birthday Remembrance



## St. Vincent de Paul Society

Thanks to everyone for your continued support and contributions, with which the SVDP volunteers were able to assist our needy neighbors again this past month. Here is the April data:



### SVDP Pantry Food Donations

162 Households

*Individual counts suspended due to Covid 19*

### SVDP Help Line Utility Bill Assistance

2 households - Duke 8 households - Water

### SVDP Furniture Ministry

5 home visits to assess needs

1 deliveries of furniture moved to new homes

3 donations of furniture picked up for new homes

*This Ministry very limited due to Covid 19.*

### SVDP Prison Ministry

*This Ministry suspended due to Covid 19.*

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY & CONTINUED SUPPORT!**

**5TH SUNDAY SVDP COLLECTIONS OCCUR FOUR TIMES A YEAR.**

**OUR NEXT ONE IS LATER THIS MONTH - MAY 31<sup>TH</sup>!**

*For your convenience, we've included a special "SVDP 5th Sunday" envelope in the May pack. You can mail your donation, drop it through the front door mail slot at the parish office, or place it in the collection basket available at the front of church. Thank you!*



## Daily Scripture Readings

Mon: Nm 6:22-27 / Mt 5:1-12a

Tues: Acts 20:17-27 / Jn 17:1-11a

Wed: Acts 20:28-38 / Jn 17:11b-19

Thurs: Acts 22:30;23:6-11 / Jn 17:20-26

Fri: Acts 25:13b-21 / Jn 21:15-19

Sat: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31 / Jn 21:20-25

Sun: Acts 2:1-11 / 1 Cor 12:3-7,12-13 / Jn 20:19-23



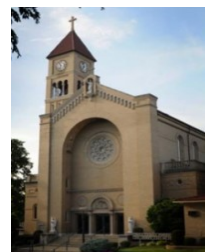
## Our Prayers and Sympathy are Extended

to the family of Gino DiCristoforo, who died May 12<sup>th</sup>.

### Confession at St. John

**RETURNED TO  
3:30 PM START TIME**

**3:30 - 4:00 PM  
SATURDAY, MAY 16!**



**LAST DAY  
FRIDAY MAY 22!**

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## SVDP Outreach Ministry Outlook

As you can see in the report, calls for furniture have dropped drastically. We've also noticed a downward trend in Help Line calls for utility disconnections and the Prison Ministry has suspended operation for the foreseeable future. **What has increased is the need for our Pantry.** Here at SVDP we are trying to navigate this changing world and respond to the new needs of our community. Keep us in your prayers that we can be the source of much needed support to our many neighbors who have been affected by this pandemic. Thank you for your kind support!



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**Baptism Preparation Class** - These classes are held quarterly: March, June, September and December.

The actual date, time and location will be announced in the weekly bulletin. Please call the parish office to register.

**Baptisms** - Please call the parish office to schedule a baptism.

**Becoming a Member of Holy Family Parish** - Fill out a Census Form at the parish office or download it under FORMS at [www.holymiddletown.com](http://www.holymiddletown.com). Drop your completed form in the collection basket or mail it to the parish office.

**Becoming Catholic** - Please call the parish office to find out more about the RCIA process.

**Bulletin Deadline** - Submit announcements in hard copy or to [monica@holymiddletown.com](mailto:monica@holymiddletown.com) by noon Tuesday.

**Hospitalization or Death in the Family** - Please notify the pastor as soon as possible by calling the parish office.

**Marriages** - Couples wishing to be married must set the date with the pastor at least six months in advance.

**Nursery** - The Nursery is available in the St. John Center during the Sunday 10:30 AM Mass.

**Parish Religious Education Program** - Preschool: Sundays 10:15 - 11:30 AM and K - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade: Mondays 6:30 - 7:30 PM.

**St. John XXIII Catholic School** - Parish school for Preschool - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade - [www.stjohn23school.org](http://www.stjohn23school.org).

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