

# Important Information

Beginning the Weekend of August 29/30

All Masses at Saint Mark will be celebrated in the Church

Keep in mind that the guidelines established by the Catholic Diocese of Harrisburg for Liturgy and Sacraments "In Time of Coronavirus" remain in place. My hope is that, as mature Christians, all parishioners - as well as all our visitors - will comply with the following Diocesan Guidelines.

- Masks must be worn at all times and social distancing must be maintained. All parishioners attending Mass and/or entering church facilities (and/or on parish grounds) must wear a face mask, except for those with a medical condition that have been advised by a physician to not wear one. Additionally, children under the age of 2 are also exempt from wearing a mask. During Mass, please only remove your mask when receiving Holy Communion.
- Proper sanitation must take place before and after every Mass/Church gathering.
- Holy Communion will be distributed during the celebration of Mass following all safety procedures. It is recommended that Holy Communion be received on the hand, but no one will be refused reception on the tongue. The Sign of Peace will continue to be omitted.
- No occupancy limits are in place, providing proper social distance can be maintained. Parishes are to use tape or rope to indicate proper social distancing. No limit is placed on the number of public entrances that may be opened.
- All hymnals, missals, missalettes, other books, and pamphlets, will continue to be removed. Holy Water fonts will remain empty. Holy water is available for parishioners. Please contact the office.

**NOTE:** The dispensation from the Sunday obligation to attend Mass is still in place. The diocese strongly recommends that those who are sick, have a compromised immune system or are considered more vulnerable, continue to remain home at this time.



I am a priest, not the police!

We are all responsible to follow the guidelines which, for everyone's protection, have been given to us by our diocese based on the directives from the Governor's Office and the Centers for Disease Control Prevention.

Fr. Walter  
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