



# ST. FRANCIS

CATHOLIC CHURCH AND SCHOOL

December 2, 2020

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ Jesus,

With the new guidelines/protocols in the wake of categorizing the counties at different risk levels, we will have the opportunity to worship together in a relatively larger group. Beginning tomorrow, for each Mass we will/can have **100 people attending**. However, the number may vary, based on the report and guidelines that would come from the State government every other week.

Let us remain hopeful and positive that things will improve and look good for us to plan for the upcoming festivities.

The health guidelines that we have been following, will continue whatsoever.

1. You need to sign up for any of the Masses that you would like to attend. Use the regular way of signing up (Parish website, email or phone call)
2. Wearing mask is required, not only to enter, but you are required to wear it all through the Mass. Please read Archbishop Sample's message in the bulletin and on our parish website about this requirement.
3. Keep the physical distance (six feet apart) during the Mass, while standing in line to receive communion and in the vestibule before and after the Mass.
4. If you want to receive communion on the tongue, please wait until everyone receives on their hands.
5. Use the hand sanitizer as you enter the church for Mass.
6. Use the sanitizing cloth in the container to clean the area that you may have touched/sat/used during the Mass.
7. No hand shake during the exchange of peace or holding hands while praying Our Father is allowed.

We will continue with our regular Mass times. (No additional Mass at noon). We will keep sending you the updates as and when they are available.

In the meantime, let us stay safe and keep praying. Please remember that we are in this journey together, and in a very special way, as we prepare for the upcoming celebration of Christmas and New Year, a season that comes to us, filled with God's blessings of Peace and Joy. Remember, Jesus our Lord has promised: "Nobody/nothing can take the joy away from you". (John 16: 22)

May we become the ambassadors of God's gifts of Peace and Joy!

United in Christ,

Fr. Amal