

SAINT PETER - MASS MINISTRY MEMO – updated AUGUST 2020

As we continue our worship in church to hear God's living Word and gather for the meal of the Eucharist, we observe Bishop Kettler's safety requirements and recommendations still in effect during the COVID pandemic.

- We will keep our assembly limited to 50% of capacity; not to exceed 250 people.
- Everyone is required to wear a mask except when reading/sharing announcements, singing, or playing an instrument.
- Pews are marked for seating to ensure physical distancing of 6 ft. between family units.
- Mass ministers should feel free to decline to volunteer if they are uncomfortable about coming to church, have any respiratory symptoms or illness, or live with a vulnerable family member.
- Bishop Kettler has dispensed all Catholics from obligation to attend public masses until further notice.
- Holy water fonts are to remain empty
- No common cup will be shared and no handshake of peace offered.
- We continue to provide music appropriate to our liturgical celebrations.
- Hymnals are removed from church; missalettes are available for private use.

DIRECTIONS TO LITURGICAL MINISTERS

- **Ushers**--- prop open exterior doors about 15 minutes before mass. We are not using Door 2 and the north hallway. Welcome people at the doors but do not shake hands. Use hand sanitizer, encourage others to use sanitizer, and assist with seating. Chairs can be placed at the rear of church or in the narthex if we need additional room. *No gifts of bread, wine, water will be brought forward.* Ushers will place bulletins on tables in church entries and collect money and envelopes from the collection baskets.

Invite people forward for Communion, using the diagram provided on the cabinet at the rear of church. Our space is divided into sections based on breaks in the pews:

Section 1 – front piano side

Section 3 –tabernacle and front ambo side

Section 2 – rear piano side

Section 4—rear ambo side

*Alert the bread minister for those who need communion but can't walk forward.

- **Greeters**--- welcome guests as people arrive and ask those without a mask to take a disposable one. Use hand sanitizer and offer it to others. Encourage people to leave their donation in the baskets and to take a missalette for home use.
- **Sacristans**-- use hand sanitizer, maintain social distance, and set up for Mass placing all vessels on the small table by the altar. Clean all vessels after Mass.
- **Lectors**--- continue to proclaim the Word from the ambo. The lectionary generally remains on the ambo since the Gospel book isn't being used in an opening procession, but this may depend on the presider. There will be only 1 lector per Mass.
- **Eucharistic Minister**---one bread minister assists the priest if no deacon is present. Please retrieve the Eucharist from the tabernacle as we begin to recite the Lamb of God. Bring the plate to the presider at the altar. Use hand sanitizer at the credence table before you receive.

As you descend the steps, cross behind the presider to take a *position at his left by the piano to distribute to everyone on the piano side of church.* Then, cross behind the presider to take a *position at his right to distribute to everyone on the ambo side of church.* This procedure allows us to have one communion line in the center aisle and has worked well.

Use hand sanitizer again after distribution of Holy Communion. No Blood of Christ will be distributed. There is no physical contact if offering a blessing and parishioners must receive communion in the hand.