

As many of you know, the Bishops of Ohio have reinstated the obligation to attend weekend Mass beginning on June 5-6, 2021. In response to that announcement, the Diocese of Cleveland has lifted most of the precautions they had set in place for Mass during the COVID pandemic. I want to make you aware of the directives, so that you know what to expect upon attending Mass on the weekend of June 5th and 6th. Beginning Wednesday, June 2nd the following will now be allowed....

1. Face masks are no longer required in Church. Those who are unvaccinated are encouraged to consider wearing a mask.
2. No more social distancing is required.
3. Holy Water in fonts is permitted.
4. Liturgical processions are permitted at the beginning and end of Mass.
5. Offertory collections are permitted.
6. The Sign of Peace is permitted (it is encouraged that it is not done with physical contact). Remember, liturgically it is never required. It is an option for the celebrant of the Mass.
7. Liturgical ministers are permitted. I ask all Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors and Ushers, who have not been ministering through the pandemic, to contact the ministry schedulers so that you can resume your ministry at Mass.
8. The Body of Christ is to be distributed as usual.
***Distribution of the Precious Blood remains suspended for the faithful.
9. Clergy may greet parishioners before & after Mass.

10. Hymnals are permitted to return to the pews, and singing is once again encouraged.

11. Visitation to the homebound, nursing homes & hospitals are permitted.

It is time for all the faithful to return to the regular practice of the faith, and reception of the sacraments. We continue to pray for all those affected by COVID. Let us, once again, come together as an entire Parish Family to celebrate our faith in Jesus Christ.