

COMMON DIRECTIVES TO BE OBSERVED AT ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA

Due to on-going pandemic we are going to observe the following directives set by the state and the diocese until further notice. Please be patient as we work our way to re-opening our church in phases. Thank you for your anticipated cooperation and understanding.

GENERAL

- The dispensation from Sunday Mass obligation **still remains in effect** until further notice.
- Beginning this weekend June 13th/14th Saturday Mass will be celebrated at 4:00pm. Sunday Mass will be celebrated at 8:30am. **11:15am Mass will resume in the near future.**
- The 4:00pm and 8:30am Mass at St. Anthony will be livestream on Zoom. This weekend there will be Distribution of Holy Communion in the parking lot on Saturday at 5:30pm and Sunday at 10:30am.

SAFETY

- The capacity at St. Anthony of Padua is 75 people.
- The doors of the church will open 15 minutes before Mass begins.
- Please use the front doors **ONLY** on Port Reading Avenue to enter the church.
- Masks must be worn at **ALL TIMES** except when receiving Holy Communion. If you do not have a mask, you will not be able to stay for Mass.
- It is recommended that you bring your own hand sanitizer.

ENTRANCE

- Upon entering the church one of our ushers will assign your seat. Please use the main doors in the narthex to enter the Church. Please do not use the side entrance near the Chapel.
- **Please follow the directions that I have given to the ushers.** We truly need your cooperation to do this safely.
- Everyone needs to be 6 feet apart from each other whether you are seated in pew or standing in line to receive Holy Communion. If you live together in same household, you do not need to be 6ft apart. Families will be seated together in an assigned pew.

- Please do not use the kneelers. Please stand or sit instead.

HOLY COMMUNION

- Communion will be given out following the final blessing as recommended by the Diocese to allow proper exiting of the Church. Only the Body of Christ will be distributed at Holy Communion (**only in hand**). The Precious Blood will not be distributed at this time.
- Each pew will be directed by ushers to receive Communion. Please do not get up to receive Communion until you are directed to do so.
- You will be given instructions for the Distribution of Holy Communion. After receiving Holy Communion you will exit the Church (**per instructions**).
DO NOT GO DOWN MIDDLE AISLE OR GO BACK TO YOUR PEW..
- The church will be closed immediately following Mass to prepare for cleaning and sanitizing of building.

OTHER

- There will be no Altar Servers at the current time.
- The Chapel will not be used and remain locked.
- Missalettes & Hymnals will not be available.
- Votive candles **will not be** available before or after Mass.
- There will be no offertory procession.
- There will be collection baskets at the exits of the church for you to drop your envelope donations. Bulletins will be available
- Please no public gatherings or greetings before or after Masses, in the church entrance/exits or on parish property are permitted.

All of the information listed above is subject to change.

We will monitor and adjust as necessary.

THANK YOU for your patience and understanding during this time.

