

Public Worship during COVID-19

Guidelines for the Diocese of Cleveland

❖ **Masks:**

- Masks will be required for all parishioners in attendance. (We have a limited supply available, so if you are able please bring your own.)

❖ **Entering the Church:**

- The main narthex doors to the church will be the **ONLY** doors open 20 minutes prior to the start of Mass. (All other entrances will be locked.)

❖ **Offertory Collection:**

- Baskets will be placed at the entrance of the church where you can drop off your contribution envelopes. Ushers will not be taking up a collection during Mass.

❖ **Seating:**

- To ensure proper social distancing we ask that you sit in the designated marked pews, maintaining the 6 feet social distance guidelines. If you are attending Mass with your family you may sit together.

❖ **Sign of Peace:**

- The handshake of peace will be omitted at this time. We will pause to pray for peace.

❖ **Distribution of Holy Communion:**

- Ushers will assist at each pew conducting a single file line necessary to maintain social distancing. Please follow the floor markings.
- When approaching the Communion minister, please do **NOT** remove your facial covering when it is your turn to receive Holy Eucharist and respond: “Amen”. Wait until you have stepped away six feet to the next floor marking, then remove your mask and receive the Eucharist. (Out of consideration for all and to prevent contamination, everyone is asked to please consider receiving Communion in the hand at this time.)
- There will only be two Communion stations. One at the front of the church and one at the center cross aisle.
- Parishioners in the handicapped pews should remain in their pew and a minister will come to you to distribute communion.

❖ **Closing of Mass:**

- Please follow all social distancing guidelines when exiting the church.
- Please exit the church using the side doors on your respective side of the church where you were seated. The main narthex entrance will **NOT** be available to exit from Mass. Ushers will be present to assist with proper dismissal. (Leaving immediately after dismissal will allow staff members ample time to sanitize the church before the next Mass.)

Please refrain from attending Mass if you are not feeling well, have a temperature of 100.4° or more or at risk of contracting COVID-19. The dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass remains in effect for the Catholic faithful. A taped virtual Mass will continue to be posted on the Parish website stbridgetparma.com.

Also, to ensure the health and safety of all in attendance at Mass, we ask the following:

- ❖ Please refrain from congregating in the narthex before or after Mass.
- ❖ To ensure the safety of the priests and deacon they will not be greeting after Mass. However, Fr. Rob will be available in the Sacristy after Mass if you have a particular need.
- ❖ All Eucharistic ministers will be wearing facial covering and gloves to distribute Holy Communion.
- ❖ At this time there will only be one lector, no altar servers and no choir at Mass. Hymns will be instrumental only. There will be no choral or congregational singing.
- ❖ Children's Liturgy of the Word is suspended.
- ❖ Missalettes have been removed from the pews.
- ❖ Hand sanitizer will be available in the church for your convenience.
- ❖ Bulletins will only be available upon exiting.
- ❖ Holy water fonts will remain empty.
- ❖ All pews and kneelers will be wiped down with disinfectant after each Mass.

Thank you for your patience and understanding as we are navigating the new "normal" that is taking place in the world right now. We look forward to re-opening our church with a great deal of excitement and to welcoming you back to public worship.