



We at the Partner Parish of St. John the Baptist & St. Joseph, are beyond excited to welcome our Parishioners back for the most divine meal! With the reopening of our beautiful Churches, we must also adhere to some Diocesan & CDC guidelines, for our safety & yours.

The below is from Bishop Malesic & the Reopening Committee:

- For the foreseeable future, all people will remain dispensed from the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays.
- Those who feel vulnerable because of their age or health are encouraged to stay home, while those who are sick should not attend public worship. Streaming Masses will continue.
- People must wear a mask and must adhere to the markings & guides on each pew. This will equate to approximately 25% capacity inside the church. Members of the same household, however, may sit together.
- All communicants are strongly encouraged to receive the Sacred Host in the hand.
- The chalice of the Precious Blood will not be offered to the congregation, unless you have an allergy. In that case, please speak with our Sacristans to have other arrangements made.
- The Sign of Peace at this time will not include a handshake, instead we will turn to the person next to us and offer a reverential bow.
- Collection baskets will not be passed among the congregation and will be placed at each of the doors of the Churches
- The permitted number in attendance at weddings and funeral Masses is the same as above. Baptisms are also the same as above and are encouraged to be done outside of Mass.
- Holy Water is available upon request, either by asking at the end of Mass or by contacting the Pastoral Center, 724-887-6321.
- At this time, all Hymnals & reusable aids will not be in the pews, due to sanitization guidelines. If you would like to bring your own prayer book, it is highly encouraged.

More information on First Holy Communion, Confirmation, Meetings & Festivals, will be forthcoming. As soon as we have guidance & approval from the Diocese, we will be sure to let everyone know.