

## Protocol for Services Inside the Church

- At risk individuals are encouraged not to attend the indoor celebration of Mass. Those at increased risk for severe illness due to COVID-19 are:
  - Individuals who are 65 or older.
  - People of any age with an underlying health condition such as cancer, chronic kidney disease, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, weakened immune system, obesity, heart conditions, sickle cell disease, or Type 2 diabetes.
- If you have any of the following symptoms, please do not come to Mass:
  - Fever or chills. Your temperature will be taken at the door. Anyone with a temperature greater than 100 deg F will not be admitted.
  - Cough
  - Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
  - Fatigue
  - Muscle or body aches
  - Headache
  - New loss of taste or smell
  - Sore throat
  - Congestion or runny nose
  - Nausea or vomiting
  - Diarrhea
- You must register **each** member of your party attending Mass on the Church web site [www.saintjosephsofstratford.org](http://www.saintjosephsofstratford.org). For Mass in the Church seating is arranged for individuals and couples. For Mass in the Parish Hall seating is arranged for individuals, couples and groups of three. This seating arrangement is necessary to maintain the minimum required safe social distance.
- You must wear a face mask at all times.
- You must social distance at least six feet.

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- Ushers will bring you to a seat; you may not choose your seat location. Couples will be seated together.
- Ushers will escort you out of the Church after Mass. Please do not get up to leave until directed by the usher.
- You must disinfect the bathroom after use. Cleaning supplies are located in each bathroom with directions on what to clean.
- Your offertory envelope may be placed in the basket at the entrance of the Church when exiting Mass.
- Parishioners are asked not to sing.
- Father will not be available to meet/greet parishioners before or after Mass.
- Since Father will not be wearing a face mask during the celebration of Mass, parishioners must stay behind the sanctuary railing for Mass celebrated in the Church to ensure that the minimum distance of 12 feet is maintained. For Mass celebrated in the Parish Hall, parishioners may not come closer to the front sanctuary area than the front row of seats unless Father is wearing a face mask.
- Communion will not be offered.
- The Classrooms are closed.
- Parishioners are asked to not congregate before or after Mass. Please go to and from your car maintaining safe social distancing.
- Pew missals are not available for use. Please bring the Scripture readings with you. The readings for Mass are posted on the Church web site.