

Fourteen Holy Helpers Church
1345 Indian Church Rd.
West Seneca, NY 14224



**WE ARE VERY HAPPY TO
ANNOUNCE THAT WE WILL
START CELEBRATING
PUBLIC MASSES AGAIN ON
SATURDAY, JUNE 20TH**



Please read the inside notes for pertinent information regarding new procedures for attending public Mass.

New TEMPORARY MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 4:30pm and Sunday: 8:00am, 10:00am and 12:00 Noon

Masses will be held simultaneously in the Church and in the Hall at the above times.

Please note-the dispensation from obligatory Sunday Mass attendance is still in place. If you are sick, a part of the vulnerable population or are uncomfortable returning to Mass, please stay home.

We will not have missalettes, reading can be found on line at www.usccb.org

From the Desk of Fr. David

Dear Parish Family and Friends,

As you read the following Gospel passage may it sink deep within you for it must be our guide in the weeks and months ahead. "When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them a scholar of the law tested Jesus by asking, "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. The whole law and the prophets depend on these two commandments." (Matthew 22:34-40) Jesus does not quote any of the 813 commandments of His day; He shows them the foundation of all commandments.

As we prepare to start gathering again for Mass and other events we need to ask ourselves how will our actions be loving toward God, others and myself. As you read through the procedures understand they are based on our commitment to take care of each other. If there is a reoccurrence of the virus, Church services will cease again and I am sure no one wants that to happen. Because we care about each other, we must be willing to do things that make us feel uncomfortable.

Everyone who attends Mass must follow the General Procedures set forth in this mailing to ensure the safety of everyone. If you feel uncomfortable about returning at this time that is all right. Please remember that everyone has the dispensation releasing them from the obligation to attend Mass. We will continue to live stream Masses and other services on the Fourteen Holy Helpers YouTube channel.

At one of the Masses, a group of individuals who did not receive Communion because they could not receive Him on the tongue. There are studies that show that more germs are transferred from receiving on the tongue than from receiving the Precious Blood. I remember when I would only receive communion on the tongue and switching to receiving Him in the hand was very difficult for me. I offer this advice to you don't deprive yourself of the greatest treasure because you cannot receive Him on the tongue.

May God's love enable us to build His Kingdom on earth so that all hatred, anger, fear and discord may cease. May the Holy Spirit set our hearts on fire with Divine love and protect us.

Peace and healing

Fr. David Bellittiere

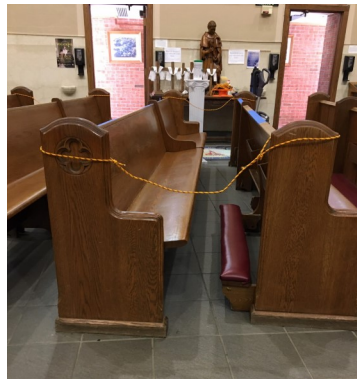


**Social distancing in the Hall.
Chairs are in groups
of three & five
and spaced 6 feet apart.**

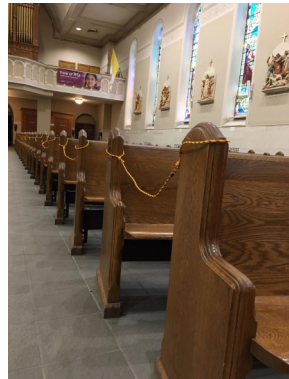
**There will also be hand
sanitizer available at the
entrances.**



**Hand sanitizer is
available at
all the doors.**



Every other pew is roped off.



**Alternating three foot sections of
tape to assist you in social
distancing in the pews**

General Mass Procedures

Many changes have taken place over these past months and as we are trying to find a new normal, one that is healthier than the old normal, we pray for the Holy Spirit to guide us and start our hearts on fire with Divine Love. Our Family Church will open this upcoming weekend (June 20th) for Masses.

Please note— the dispensation from Sunday Mass is still in effect. If you are sick, have any symptom of COVID-19 or are uncomfortable returning at this time—please stay home. We will continue to live stream a Mass every Sunday at 10:00am (please note the new time).

We are looking forward to celebrating Masses with you again! In order to adhere to the social distance and safety requirements, there will be some new procedures during Mass. Some of the changes might make you feel uncomfortable, but they are for your well being and the well being for the rest of the congregation. These changes are listed below. Since this is a very fluid situation, these guidelines are temporary. As guidelines change or are relaxed, we will notify you.

If you or anyone in your family is sick do not come to Mass; watch the live stream on the Fourteen Holy Helpers YouTube channel. If you are well and would like to come to Mass, follow the procedures below:

- We are limited to a 25% occupancy. We will be having Masses in the Church (occupancy is 75) and the Hall (occupancy is 90) **at the same time** so as to accommodate as many people as possible. The new Mass schedule is Saturday at 4:30pm, Sunday at 8:00am, 10:00am (also live streamed) and 12 Noon. Mass times have changed in order to facilitate cleaning and disinfecting of the Church/Hall. You will have the choice as to which location to attend. When we reach the maximum number of people at one location, all others will be directed to the other location until that maximum occupancy is met. With this plan we are hoping not to turn anyone away from Mass.
- Mass times have **TEMPORARILY** changed in order to facilitate cleaning and disinfecting of the Church and Hall between Masses.
- Everyone must maintain a social distance of 6 feet with those who are not in your household.
- A mask which covers your nose and mouth must be worn by everyone over the age of two (2) upon entering the Church/Hall and throughout the Mass.
- Sanitize your hands upon entering and leaving the Church/Hall. We will have hand sanitizer available for you to use but you might want to bring your own as well.
- You will be met by a greeter. They will direct you to a volunteer who will seat you in the next available pew/row. We will start seating at the front of the Church/Hall and move toward the back. If you have a special need please inform the greeter; they will be happy to accommodate you.
- We will not have Hymnals or missalettes available.
- There will not be any congregational singing. Music will be provided by a musician and cantor. At this time the Choir and Voices of Praise will not be providing music at Mass.
- We will not have an offertory procession or collection. Please place your offering in the basket at the entrances to the Church/Hall.
- At the Sign of Peace, we will not shake hands, kiss or hug. You can offer a nod, smile or wave.
- At Communion time an usher will direct you when and where to go for Communion. Please maintain a social distance of 6 feet while in line. We will have a single file line for Communion. We will have two Eucharistic Ministers at the front of the Church/Hall and one in the back.
- **Receiving Communion— You will be receiving the Body of Christ in the hand only**, not on the tongue. Hold your hands out, one under the other, and the minister will “drop” the host into your cupped hand. Take a few steps to the side, remove your mask and consume the host. Replace your mask and proceed back to your seat. Note: The Precious Blood will not be offered at this time.
- Departure from Mass: Once again, in order to maintain a safe distance and avoid unnecessary contact, the congregation will be dismissed pew by pew/row by row, starting in the back. This will eliminate any congestion at the doors.
- Please proceed directly to your cars, do not congregate at the exits.

See next page for specific directions for the Church and Hall.

Procedures for Mass in the Church

Entering/Exiting the Church

- The side entrance is reserved for handicapped parishioners or those who have mobility issues.
- All others will enter through the main doors (facing Union Rd.). Again, the side entrance is reserved for those individuals where extra care in seating is needed.
- The same procedure will be used for dismissal– those who are handicapped or have mobility issues will exit through the side doors, all others will exit through the main doors.

Procedures for Mass in the Hall

Entering/Entering the Hall

- Everyone will enter through the front doors. If someone in your party is handicapped or has mobility issues or needs special accommodation, please let the greeter/volunteer know.
- We will utilize three exits for dismissal; the main doors and the exit by the kitchen and the exit to the right of the stage. The exit by the stage leads onto grass; we will place mats down for ease of walking.

A note about the rest of the Campus:

Rectory: The Rectory office is not open yet. At this time the Rectory staff is still working from home. When we do re-open there will be some new rules in place regarding the number of people allowed in at a time, mandatory masks and possibly appointment times.

Meetings and Group Activities: The Campus has not re-opened yet. We will not be hosting any groups or meetings in any of the Parish's buildings except for Mass.

Eucharistic Adoration Chapel: The Eucharistic Adoration Chapel is still closed. Please take advantage of Eucharistic Adoration at the back of the Rectory. The Eucharist is exposed on the second floor in Fr. David's sunporch.

Daily Mass: Daily Mass will resume at the old schedule on Monday, June 22nd. Masses will be in the Church. There will not be ushers at the daily Masses so it is up to the congregation to maintain social distance guidelines. Masks covering your nose and mouth will be required and reception of Communion will follow the same procedures as Sundays.

Please Update Your Contact Information! Thank You!!!

This pandemic and subsequent lockdown took us all by surprise. One of the issues we ran into was the lack of updated contact information for our parishioners. This was very disconcerting to Fr. David and the staff that we were not able to connect with our parish family. If you have moved, changed your home phone number, cell phone or email, please contact the Rectory. Also, if you are not sure if we have your correct information on file, please fill out the form below. You can mail the form to the Rectory, place it in the collection basket or simply email the information to rectory@14hh.org

Family Name: _____

Phone # (home) _____

Phone # (cell/name) _____

Phone # (cell/name) _____

Phone # (cell/name) _____

Email: _____

Email: _____

Email: _____

Home Address: _____

Are you enrolled in Flocknote? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If not, would you like to receive **texts** and/or **emails** from the Church?

☐ Yes (Text& Email) ☐ Yes (Text only) ☐ Yes (Email Only) ☐ No

If you do not have a cell phone or email, would you like to be added to the robo-call list? ☐ Yes ☐ No