

## Church of the Immaculate Conception Glenville, NY

### Important Information for you to know, in light of Covid-19 guidelines, as you prepare to attend Mass for First Communion at our Parish

#### Capacity and Sign Up Requirements

- We are required to maintain six feet of separation between households.
- In order to assist us with seating, when you respond, please be sure to include the entire number of your household that will attend Mass.
- Each First Communion Child will be assigned one pew, with a maximum seating capacity of 8 people.
- **Please complete the online form, found on our website to let us know how many from your household will attend mass as well as complete the required health survey questions.**

#### As You Arrive

- We will begin seating people 30 minutes before the start of Mass.
- Everyone must enter the Church from the front Gathering Space doors. All other doors into the Church will be locked.
- Everyone over 2 years old must wear a mask from the time you exit your car until you return to your vehicle after Mass.
- Maintain 6 feet of distance while waiting to enter the church (signs will indicate separation).
- If the line seems too long, or you have trouble standing for any length of time, or the weather is too hot or rainy, please feel free to wait in your car until the line is shorter.
- Check-in (table will either be outside, weather permitting, or just inside the gathering space).

#### As People Enter the Church

- All enter through the gathering space doors which will be propped open.
- An usher will greet each household upon entry.
- Ushers will ensure that all have their masks on properly.
- Upon entry, everyone will use the touchless hand sanitizer stations in the gathering space.
- A stationary offertory basket will be in the gathering space.
- Ushers will show households to their pre-assigned seat.
- Worship Aids will be in the pews prior to the start of Mass and each household will be asked to take their worship aid home with them or dispose of them in the bin provided at the exit as they leave.

#### During Mass and Reception of Holy Communion

- Once seated, we ask everyone to please remain in your pew until dismissal.
- Due to cleaning requirements, the bathrooms in the church are to be used for emergencies only.

- Once Mass begins, the gathering space doors will be closed and we will not be able to seat any additional people.
- There will be signage outside the doors explaining this to latecomers. Please be sure all in your household are aware of this requirement.
- During the Sign of Peace, people will be reminded to make a gesture or wave to nearby parishioners. There can be no hand shakes/contact between households.
- There will be no Precious Blood distributed to the congregation.
- Fr. Jerry will distribute Holy Communion to the First Eucharist child. Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist will distribute communion to all others in attendance. All must wear masks.
- Eucharist will be brought to the people in their pews. We are seating only every 3<sup>rd</sup> pew, therefore the Eucharist Minister can walk down the pew directly in front of parishioners to distribute communion.
- First Eucharist children will turn to the center aisle of their seating section to receive Holy Communion from Fr. Jerry, who will remain in the center aisle.
- Everyone is directed to keep their mask on as the Eucharistic Minister enters the pew and after receiving the Eucharist in their hand and the Minister steps past them, they carefully lower their mask, consume the Eucharist and then put the mask back on.
- Families should practice lowering their masks to receive Holy Communion and then returning their mask properly.
- Parishioners will be encouraged to bring personal hand sanitizer and to sanitize their hands prior to and after receiving Communion.

#### Dismissal

- Pews will be dismissed individually after the closing blessing.
- Parishioners will be asked to remain in their pew until directed to exit.
- Each seating section in our church has a set of doors that exit to the outdoors. Each section will use the doors in their section.
- Congregating in the church or parking lot after Mass is not allowed at this time.