CHURCH OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

607 CENTRAL AVENUE, ALBANY, NEW YORK 12206-1918

June 8, 2020

I have great news for you on our re-opening for weekend Masses!

I received an email from the Diocese on Saturday afternoon authorizing us to resume Masses at 25% of our seating capacity if we meet our COVID-19 safety protocols. Our Committee has worked to comply with these temporary safety measures until we hear further word from the Diocese.

Here's how we'll proceed with Masses this weekend, June 13th and 14th:

-If you're not feeling well (temperature above 100.3 F, persistent cough), please stay home today. The Bishop is extending the dispensation to not attend Mass to all who are sick or feel 'at risk.' Mass from Blessed Sacrament will be on our website and Facebook page on Saturday after 6 pm.

-We'll use one entrance, the Hunter Street parking lot entrance. The door will be left open.

-Please put your mask on as you leave your car. Use hand sanitizer when you enter church.

-You'll meet an Ambassador at the entrance. Please fill out your contact tracing sheet for you/your family and give it to the Ambassador. Bringing it with you means you won't wait in line.

-Another Ambassador will escort you to your pew. To provide for social distancing, not all pews will be used. Pews are color coded, look for the yellow signs to show where to sit in your pew. Couples and families may sit together.

-There will be no embraces or shaking hands during the Sign of Peace.

-We'll be using a worship aid, not the hymnal. Please take your worship aid home or discard it in the receptacle as you leave Mass.

-Please listen to Fr. Joe for instructions on receiving the Eucharist. Ambassadors will guide you row by row to receive the Body of Christ. When you approach to receive Eucharist, please follow the markers on the carpet. The Blood of Christ will not be available at this time.

-As you approach the minister of the Eucharist, please lower your mask, and extend your hands. Please turn away from the minister and consume the Body of Christ. Please put your mask back on and return to your pew using the side aisle. If the minister of the Eucharist makes contact with a parishioner, the minister will immediately stop and use hand sanitizer.

-There will be no entrance or recessional procession. Fr. Joe will not be by the doors to greet you or see you off. The Ambassadors will dismiss people row by row. When you get to the parking lot, please proceed to your car. We look forward to the day when neighbors can stop and visit! It's coming!

Fife

-The restroom located by the piano will be the only one in use at this time.

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