



Requirements For Attending Mass May 7th, 2020

St. Philip Neri will re-open for Mass, and no other activities, on Monday, May 11th and Vigil/Weekend Masses the weekend of May 16th. Our regular Mass schedule will resume.

Stressing the fact that the current pandemic is not yet over, we urge all those in the high-risk population to use the general dispensation granted by Bishop Robert E. Guglielmo. Please use extraordinary caution and good judgment in determining if you should attend Mass. No mortal sin is committed if you decide that you and your family should not attend.

You should **NOT** attend Mass at this time:

- If you are coughing, sneezing or have a fever;
- If you have asthma, allergies or any chronic lung related disease;
- If you are immunocompromised.

If you are 65 years of age or older, you are considered to be in the high-risk population and should use extraordinary caution and good judgement in determining whether you should attend Mass.

To help you in making your decision on whether or not to attend Mass, we have created a COVID-19 Self Screening Checklist that you can find on our website.

To comply with the guidelines provided by the Centers of Disease Control, the South Carolina Department of Health & Environmental Control, and the mandates from state government, we will be limiting the number of people in the worship space to no more than 400.

Our Parish Safety Team will assist monitoring social distancing and compliance with these requirements for attending Mass

Those who choose to attend Mass **MUST** abide the following requirements:

- Attendees are required to wear a face mask **at all times** while on St. Philip Neri property. No Exceptions.
- Please park with at least two spaces between your car and others.
- No meetings of any sort will be allowed on parish property.



- No social gatherings before or after Mass.
- Maintain social distancing when walking, a distance of at least 6 feet.
- Only the main exterior entrance doors will be utilized and will be kept open by the Parish Safety Team. The interior entrance doors to the sanctuary will be kept open until the procession.
- Go directly from the gathering space into the sanctuary. Please maintain silence while in the gathering space and please do not congregate.
- Restrooms will be designated one person at a time, with the exception of parents with children and disabled persons requiring assistance.
- Hand sanitizer will be available as you enter the church interior and should be used.
- Offertory Boxes will be placed at the Holy Water Font for collection. Please drop your envelopes here as you enter for Mass. Holy water will not be available.
- Disinfectant spray and paper towels will be available in the blue bags located at the end of the pews in the center aisles. Please use this to wipe down pew seats, seat backs and kneelers prior to sitting. Feel free to use your own sanitizer/wipes that you brought from home.
- Seating must maintain the necessary distance between you and other parishioners. Move to the center of the pew to sit. Make sure that entering and exiting the pew does not bring you close to other parishioners. If you must cross over people, they will all have to exit the row in order to maintain distance, so avoid this
- There will be no Sign of Peace exchange.
- The offertory gifts of bread and wine will not be brought forward.
- Because of the difficulty in sanitizing the missals, they will not be used during this time. Music for the Weekend Masses will be provided on the screen and in the Weekly Bulletin.
- Nursery and Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW) remain suspended.



- **Holy Communion Requirements:**

- Holy Communion will be distributed at the conclusion of Mass as parishioners exit the church.
 - **Holy Communion will be received in the hand.**
 - As you proceed to Communion, you are to proceed in a single file line and maintain a distance of six (6) feet from the person in front of you. Please follow the markings on floor.
 - Your face mask must remain on while you receive the Eucharist. Once you receive the Eucharist and turn from the altar, you may consume the Eucharist and reposition your mask.
 - Communion to the homebound remains suspended due to health risks posed to our most vulnerable parishioners. However, spouses and immediate family members may use a pyx to take Holy Communion to those staying in their home, following EMHC parish directives.
- Please exit the church maintaining the same protocols of distancing. Both the interior and exterior doors will be open for you. Please use the other available exits nearest to you in order to lessen the number of people exiting through the gathering space right after Mass.
 - All signage should be read and followed.