

A Call to Worship

(How Holy Cross Plans to Implement in Sanctuary Worship Services During the Pandemic)

We continue to follow the Governor's phased reopening plans. We are inviting a maximum of 100 people to each of our worship services. PLEASE NOTE: We are following closely all developments that are occurring within the faith community and will change our plans if necessary if an updated lawful plan is in place.

Additionally, we want all members to be safe! Those with preexisting conditions and those 60 years of age and older are at a higher risk of experiencing worse symptoms than others if they contract the virus. We want you to make a decision to attend worship services that fit your personal situation and do not want you to take any unnecessary risks. The Church will be doing its best to provide a clean and sanitary worship environment but like any business or place with human traffic, we cannot guarantee a sterile environment. We also want you to stay at home if you are sick and to join us at a later time once you have had the proper recovery period.

Here is what we will be doing to sanitize the sanctuary before and after worship:

- Deep Cleaning of the church. We will sanitize all pews, bathrooms, doorknobs, handrails, elevator and light switches. All will be done to allow for proper drying times.
- Temporarily remove all Bibles, Hymnals and information cards from the pews.

Worship Guidelines

- Sunday worship service times will be at 8am and 9:45am.
- All members will enter the building from the South Street entrance only.
- Social distancing is important so please keep your distance from others as you enter and exit the church.
- **Masks are to be worn from when you enter the church building until you reach your pew. During the service masks may be removed until you leave your pew. At that time masks are to be worn again until you have exited the building.**
- ALL members will be seated by an usher. We will seat from the front to the back and exit, with the help of an usher, from the back to the front. Family units will be allowed to be seated together. Sorry but for the time being, we cannot seat you in the pew where you would normally worship.
- Sanitizers will be available at the top of the stairs as you enter and exit the sanctuary.
- We know you will be anxious to visit with your fellow members who you may not have seen in a long time. We ask that you make no physical contact and do not speak to anyone without having your mask in place and with proper social distancing.
- Paper bulletins will be handed to you by an usher. Please take your bulletins with you and dispose of them at home.
- Offerings will be placed into a plate situated at the back of the church where you enter and exit the sanctuary.
- Restrooms will be for limited use only.
- No Bible Classes, Sunday School or Coffee Hour will be available until we move out of Phase 4 of the reopening plan.
- If you don't feel comfortable worshipping with us, please remember we will still be having our livestream service every Sunday at 8am.
- Finally, we ask for your patience. We know we will want to celebrate our return and greet friends we haven't seen in a while. Please follow all the guidelines as we Praise God for the return of some normalcy in our lives.