

**Saturday, June 6, 2020**

8:30 am Brad Liggett by the Family  
 8:30 am Mr. & Mrs. Strigliabotti by the Family  
 8:30 am Emil & Anna Taborelli by the Family  
 4:30 pm Kimberly Mount by The Macho & Pilot Families  
 4:30 pm Jack Kobes (5th Anniversary) by Carol & Family  
 4:30 pm Anthony Baldino by Carolyn, Jacqui & Leigh Ellen

**Sunday, June 7, 2020**

8:00 am Virginia & Angelo Taborelli by the Family  
 8:00 am Mr. & Mrs. Strigliabotti by the Family  
 8:00 am Emil & Anna Taborelli by the Family  
 9:30 am Virginia & Angelo Taborelli by the Family  
 9:30 am Mr. & Mrs. Strigliabotti by the Family  
 9:30 am Emil & Anna Taborelli by the Family  
 10:00 am Marc Cosmo Esposito by Sean & Lucille Yanok  
 10:00 am Virginia & Angelo Taborelli by the Family  
 10:00 am Mr. & Mrs. Strigliabotti by the Family  
 11:00 am For the People of the Parish

**Monday, June 8, 2020**

7:30 am The Avena & Barone Families by the Family  
 7:30 am Angelica Bussanich by Betty Scrivanich  
 7:30 am Marie Martignoni by Bill & Cathy Coyne

**Tuesday, June 9, 2020**

7:30 am Louis Aiese by His Wife  
 7:30 am T.J. Kelleher by Diane & Chip Talbot  
 7:30 am Charlie Doherty by Michele Conrey

**Wednesday, June 10, 2020**

7:30 am Jack Kolon by his Mother  
 7:30 am Mr. & Mrs. Strigliabotti by the Family  
 7:30 am Emil & Anna Taborelli by the Family

**Thursday, June 11, 2020**

No Mass

**Friday, June 12, 2020**

7:30 am Peter Zocchi (Beloved Son) by his Mom & Dad  
 7:30 am Barbara Palumbo by John & LuAnn Quigley & Family  
 7:30 am Mr. & Mrs. Strigliabotti by the Family

**Saturday, June 13, 2020**

8:30 am Robert McCarthy by Gretchen, Samantha & Alex Danish  
 8:30 am Virginia & Angelo Taborelli by the Family  
 8:30 am Mr. & Mrs. Strigliabotti by the Family  
 4:30 pm For the People of the Parish

**Sunday, June 14, 2020**

8:00 am Mary Elizabeth Spiess by the Bronikowski Family  
 8:00 am Mr. & Mrs. Strigliabotti by the Family  
 8:00 am Emil & Anna Taborelli by the Family  
 9:30 am Samuel Melillo by the Family  
 9:30 am Virginia & Angelo Taborelli by the Family  
 9:30 am Mr. & Mrs. Strigliabotti by the Family  
 10:00 am Thomas O'Reilly by the Family  
 10:00 am Rob Simons by Kevin & Fran Kearns  
 10:00 am Rachel Kearns by Kevin & Fran Kearns  
 11:00 am Patrick Campbell by the Family  
 11:00 am Emil & Anna Taborelli by the Family  
 11:00 am Virginia & Angelo Taborelli by the Family

**MOVING?** Please inform the rectory office if you are moving out of the area or if you have a change of address, so the envelope company can be notified. Thank you!

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED** especially Marie Martignoni, Gail Cruwell, Joan Sensale, Jonathan Miller and Rory Hamill.



**HOME DEVOTION**– Please visit [AscensionPress.com](http://AscensionPress.com) for special resources and events to help Catholics with home devotions throughout the coming weeks.

**MASS INTENTIONS** for the weekend, as well as the coming week, can be found on our parish website on Friday mornings [www.churchofstdenis.org](http://www.churchofstdenis.org)



especially Mary Moran, Steve Ford, Elizabeth Ann Linden, Peggy Andrich, Mary Damico, Eileen Byrne, Amanda Castro, Dolores Palmisano, Holly Boyd, Mary Conlon, Albert Wood, Maiya Andrews, Velma Andrews, Stella Thompson, Katie Holbrook, Claire Meachum, Mike Pierce, Thomas Hayes, Jr., Thomas Evans, Catherine O'Connor, Edith Bean, Phyllis Van Salders, Joanne Panzarella, Taryn Rotondi, Kathy Wicks, Michael McNulty, Mary Jane Schaaf, Lisa Pirrello, Joseph Bick, Mary Collins, Ken Kleinlein, Robert Kelleher, Stephen Byrne, Denise Frank, Lucy Falco, Marie Tashjian, Angeline Hart, Joan Tumbas, Cathleen Brenner, Nick Ljuljana, Patricia Blumenstock, Sue O'Connor, Baby Cayden Joseph, Thomas Fahey, Baby Kelly Grace, Nair Messias, Jennifer Noble, Scarlet Slotnick, Belle & Ashton, John Najar, Karen Brown, Elizabeth Morgan, Frank Lopez, Christina Roundtree, Eugene Karpinski, Charlotte Pentek, Phillip Graceffa, Christian Russo, Rose DeMarco, Dee Vulgaris, Michael McGonigle, Baby Evelyn Mizer, Herbert "Butch" Wolfe, Leanna Rawson, Nannette Forkan, Nicole Giambone, Lisa Dunfee, Albert J. Cifelli, Brian Alberse, Stanley Bevan, Windell Rainey, Sadie Svenson, Barbara Magda, Paul Tuyp, Nancy Murphy, Bernadette Bevan, George Leonard, Teresa Hayes, Jeanne Hayes, Irene Hayes, Ronnie Micciulla, Cindy Tomkins, Joseph Fiamingo, Baby Colton Gardella, Anita McCudden, Catherine Kelleher, Baby Siena Grace Pizzillo, Samara Pirrong, Donna Schwear, Helen McGowan, Karen Williams, Timothy Michal Przywara, Christopher Kurtanick, Wes Pal, Neil O'Callaghan, Siobhan Vuono, Linda Lowery, Tanner Koch, Linda Custode, Marty Pirrong, Bridget Korn, Vincent Azzollini, Scott Burdett, Joan Lipscomb, Baby Lucy, Stephen Whyte, Victoria Margadonna, Christine Fields, Chris Faraca, Kathy Larkin, Gordon Justin, John Jonason, Estelle Jonason, Jim Kazenmayer, Frank Meidenbauer, Sean Campbell, Joel Rivera, Jimi Hood, Al Ricciardi, Eileen Beesley, Beverly Heinz, Pauline Naturile, Haley Keating, John Fossani, Paul Borden, Mary Daidone, Donna Morgan, Dennis Datillo, Bill Koch, Jennifer Pindar, Doris Abruzzo, Sandy Heitner, Randy Farmer, Joseph Pastore, Christine Coburn, Julianna Grusso, Frank Dugan, Lori Hurd, John Gondek, Lois Borton, Roddy Pilot, William Liao, the Borgias, the Pilots, the Nesbitts and the Campbells.

Message from Fr. Bill

Happy Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity. We celebrate the Mystery of God and God's Life revealed and shared with us. How blessed we are indeed for God's beneficence (yes that word popped into my head to describe God's infinite goodness). We, mere creatures, are given an open invitation to a personal relationship with the Most Holy Trinity! and, moreover, to those who believe and are baptized in the Name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. We are given a share in the divine nature by adoption through God's most generous gift of uniting us to the Father, through the Son in the power of the Spirit. A most joyful celebration indeed, in the sight of so much tragedy in the world today. We need the Mystery of the Trinity right now. The Mystery of God allows us to transcend this world. To transcend the world gives us the opportunity to transform the world – to see the world as God made it and saved it to be. We transform never through bigotry and hate and domination but through truth and through heroic love, and mercy, and hope. That is what I pray we, disciples of Jesus, can each exhibit for the good of the world – valiant virtues of faith, hope and love in our prayer, in our actions/interactions, in our conversations, and in our society.

The beginnings of Mass again at St. Denis!

We are preparing to have Mass in the church again! We will start by having daily Mass on Monday, June 8th at 7:30 am. We will begin Sunday Masses the weekend of June 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>, for the Feast of Corpus Christi. For the time being Masses will be on Saturday 4:30 pm and Sunday at 8 am and 10 am in St. Denis Church. There will be a Facebook Mass streamed at 11:30 am and available to pray with after that time as well. There will not be any Masses scheduled at the Beach Chapel through June. We will assess the ability to begin Masses as the first weeks of "re-entry" take place. Please note that you are still dispensed from the Sunday Obligation at this time. The coronavirus is still a very serious matter, especially in New Jersey. Therefore, the dispensation for attending Mass on Sunday continues to September 7th. The Bishop's directives are in this bulletin, and you are urged to read them. Also I have my own directives for the parish, so as to implement the Bishop's directives, so please read them as well. Again, please be aware that we are just beginning to get back to Masses and it will take time.

We will also start scheduling Baptisms/Weddings/Funerals. Information will be in next week's bulletin. Our celebrations of First Holy Communion, Confirmation and the Easter Sacraments will be delayed for a bit longer, due to even more difficult logistical considerations. As we continue with social distancing in mind, we will not be having regular Saturday Confessions. Please call the rectory to make an appointment so that I can meet with you if you would like to go to Confession.

May we continue to long for the Body and Blood of Christ, and all the graces of all the Sacraments until God fulfills our longing with our reception of these most august and essential Gifts of God.

St. Denis Parish Directives:

1. **Do not come to Mass if you are not feeling well, or in an at-risk population that is advised by health care professionals.** There will be no health screening at the church. Even with the precautions and sanitizing, we cannot guarantee everyone's safety. We will soon be able to resume home visits, so please wait for that if you are in an at-risk population and we receive directives for such home visits.

2. **You will need to phone the parish office to register for a Saturday/Sunday Mass.** We are limited to how many people can attend. (NOTE: There is no need to "call ahead" for daily Mass, as we do not exceed the case where we would not have safe distancing with such small numbers.) You will have to phone the rectory Monday through Friday to register for a Mass, so that we can have an accurate count for how many people will attend. If the Mass you would like to attend becomes "closed" due to numbers, then we will schedule you immediately for another Mass or for the following week, so that you have the opportunity to receive Holy Communion as soon as possible.

3. **Do not arrive more than 30 minutes before the Mass and you must stay to the end of Mass.** We will sanitize before and after Masses. All doors and windows will be open for air circulation. You enter through the front doors and there will be instructions for leaving by sections. The directives are for us to maintain social distance and for orderly seating (you will be directed) and orderly leaving. There will be no staying after and congregating for the next month or two whether inside or outside. The homily will be just a few minutes, so you will be encouraged to go to the "extended homily" utilizing the Facebook Mass and fast-forwarding to the homily later.

4. **You must wear a mask during the entirety of the Mass except while receiving Communion.** Pews are marked and you can sit as directed by the ushers and assistants. Families/couples can sit together and others will navigate from that grouping. There will be organ music, but no singing for the next few months. The Eucharistic Minister will come to you for Holy Communion and you are asked to receive in the hand. After the Minister moves away, you may remove your mask to receive and replace your mask. Parents are asked to assist their children.

5. **If this is too much for you at this time, please do not come to church and instead watch the Facebook Mass.** Obviously this is something brand new and we will need people's cooperation and patience. There is not an obligation to attend Mass until September 7<sup>th</sup>, so if attending Mass with these "pandemic precautions" in mind will be a source of stress and make you wholly uncomfortable, you may wish to wait for another few weeks, especially as we make necessary adjustments and see how things progress.



May 24, 2020

Regular Collection- \$6,521.00

Easter Collection- \$32,014.00

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY !**



**The church will no longer be open for private prayer on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.**



### **RECOVERY CORNER-**

**LIFE RECOVERY BIBLE WEEKLY PODCASTS-** Check out "City of Angels Recovery Radio"<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=st.shoutca.sh.coanj>

Download the above app to listen to Life Recovery Bible podcasts. New ones can be heard each Sunday at 10am and 10pm. There is a library of older podcasts. Please share with friends in recovery or anyone who may want to listen.

**THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD ONLINE BIBLE STUDY:** Rabbi Harold Kushner's book is entitled *The Lord Is My Shepherd: Healing Wisdom of the Twenty-Third Psalm*. Rabbi Kushner asks the question, "Can fifteen beautiful lines from a single page of the Bible change your life?" (p. 5) You guessed it: his answer is "Yes!" Many of us are already familiar with Psalm 23 from lifelong exposure. When has the world's need for healing ever been greater? Please join this "remote" opportunity for Lutheran/Roman Catholic Bible study/book discussion. Join us either on-line or over the phone on Tuesday, June 9, 16, 23 and 30 at 10 a.m. or 7 p.m. Pastor Mary and Father Bill will be leading the discussion. Stay tuned for log-on and dial-in info. Reading the book ahead of time will enrich our conversation, though it is not required. (*The Lord Is My Shepherd: Healing Wisdom of the Twenty-Third Psalm*, by: Harold S. Kushner, Anchor Books: NY, 2003. 175 pages. ISBN 1-4000-3335-7).

For the morning session join by phone (1-415-604-0836) with PIN: 931167438, or join with google meet: [meet.google.com/vxr-edbh-onh](https://meet.google.com/vxr-edbh-onh)

For the evening session join by phone (1-862-243-6946) with PIN: 491282326, or join with google meet: [meet.google.com/zdg-kwmj-vni](https://meet.google.com/zdg-kwmj-vni)

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### **St. Vincent De Paul Society's Food Pantry**

**At St. Denis Church**

**Phone: 732-223-1383**

Location: Msgr. O'Connor Hall  
(lower level of church)

Until further notice: There will be curbside pick-up of prepackaged food with appropriate social distancing.

Questions or special food needs?

Please call our hotline number at 732-223-1383

Please note adjusted pantry hours:

Tuesdays: 1PM – 3PM and  
3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays from 10AM – 12noon

At this time, donations may be dropped off curbside by the pantry during regular pantry hours or on the rectory front porch, under the overhang.

There has been an overwhelming response to our food pantry donation requests. The shelves are very well stocked. Thank you! The items listed below are the most needed items as these are items most requested by our needy neighbors. Please know they are being received with sincere gratitude!

#### **Items requested for food pantry donation:**

**Laundry detergent, bar soap, paper towels, regular coffee, individual bags of snacks--chips, pretzels, etc., salad dressing, mustard, & canned fruit.**



**Pray for the Military**

especially Navy Lt. Rachael M. Honrath, Navy MIDN Nora N. Honrath, Army Captain Christopher Cauda, Army Captain Matthew Cauda, Navy LL. Edward P. Windas, Marine Lance Corporal Laura Licata, Contractor Benjamin Ostrow, Air Force Captain David Smith, Army Major Sean Fessenden, Army Lt. Nikkole Crosson, Navy Captain Colin S. Walsh, Army Captain Dr. Justin Eisenman, Army Lt. Brian Quinn, Navy E4 Patrick Moynihan, Air Force 1st Lt. Dominic Celiano, Air Force Academy Cadet 2nd Class Slade Kelling, Air Force Academy, Coast Guard Petty Officer Joseph Beatie, Navy CM Taylor Nesbitt, Airman Devon Webster, Army Private 1st Class Cody Svenson, Lt. Jg. Mary T. Herman, Matthew Van Pelt, Army, USMC 2nd Lt. Philip Cahill, USMC 2nd Lt. Joanna Smith-Cahill, Navy MIDN Michael Zimmerman U.S. Naval Academy, Air Force 2nd Lt. Jason Trischitta, Allison M. Ingraham at West Point Academy, Lt. Col. Ivan Ingraham USMC, PFC Joseph J. Foley, Jr. USMC, Airman Andrew Halmi, Robert Halmi, U.S. Army, Corporal Jordan Basile USMC, PFC Neil Horenburg USMC.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION-** Due to the conditions at the time of this bulletin, please check our parish website regularly for updates. **PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING:** First Communions, Confirmation interviews, and Confirmation will be rescheduled.

**DIOCESAN RESPECT LIFE WEBSITE-** Please visit the Respect Life website of the Diocese of Trenton at [respectlifetoday.org](http://respectlifetoday.org). You will obtain important information concerning respect life issues in our diocese and our world.

### **THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL**



St. Vincent de Paul, the patron saint of our Society, never wrote a book about his spiritual teachings. We find the living voice of the saint in his letters and conferences-conferences like ours at St. Denis-in which he trained his followers for the mission of service to the poor. The two fundamental sources of his teachings were the Gospel and life. He wanted his followers to put the whole of the Gospel into the whole of their lives, and he never tired of deepening both with the faith that God had put into his heart. This is why all that Vincent says, as he speaks to us from almost 400 years ago, has the simplicity of our everyday life as well as the penetrating Word of God.

The reflections in our weekly bulletin are therefore offered to all who may strive to serve the poor in the spirit of St. Vincent de Paul. They may encourage us to "have ears to hear the cry of the poor", to "have eyes to seek and find the forgotten and deprived", and to "have hearts that bring God's love to the poor" through generosity and love. The Holy Spirit wants to make us advocates of God's presence to bring new life to others-especially those who do not know the love of God in their lives.

If you have an interest in learning more about helping those in need, come to one of the Society's meetings when they resume. The meetings are held on the first and third Tuesdays of the month at 6:30 pm in Msgr. O'Connor Hall (lower level of the church).

If you need assistance, please call the St. Vincent de Paul hotline at 732-223-1383.



## FATHER'S DAY SPIRITUAL BOUQUETS-

June 21st is Father's Day. Beginning on Father's Day weekend and continuing for the next two days, we will have special Masses in honor of all our fathers, both living and deceased. To include a name or names in the Mass intentions, please mail your intentions with your donation to: St. Denis Rectory 90 Union Ave. Manasquan 08736. Intentions can also be emailed to [st.denis@verizon.net](mailto:st.denis@verizon.net). If you would like a special Father's Day card for a living father, please call the office during regular business hours, so a card/cards can be left on the rectory porch for you. All intentions should be received by the office staff no later than Friday, June 19th. They will then be placed on the altar and the intentions will be remembered at the Father's Day Masses.

## MANASQUAN COMMUNITY COMMENCEMENT BELLS 2020-

We are all asked to take part in ringing bells on Monday, June 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm for all the Manasquan School District and Sending District graduates who will be walking outside at that time, in celebration for the Class of 2020. Our parish church will be taking part!!! Hope you will too!!!

## JOIN COLLIER YOUTH SERVICES VIRTUAL GALA

on June 11, 2020 at 7pm at [www.collieryouthservices.org](http://www.collieryouthservices.org). Learn how Collier's programs have adapted during COVID-19 and watch wonderful performances by Collier's youth and staff. Make a Donation to Collier Youth Services and be entered to win great prizes! This event closes Monday, June 15. Raffles will be drawn and winners notified on Friday, June 19.



Ladies, life, as we know it, has certainly changed. As we experience a gradual emergence from sheltering in place, we may feel discontent, worry and anxiety about the present and the future.

Rest assured, you're not the only one feeling this—and God, in His Divine Providence, has given us the solutions needed to ease our uncertainties.

For some, life before COVID-19 was often frazzled and out of control—work, school demands, family obligations, and extra-curricular activities kept us always on-the-go. And now we are hoping not to go back to that hectic lifestyle.

So, where does that leave us? Starting in October 2020, St. Denis Church is offering 2 bible study opportunities from Walking with Purpose (WWP). Our WWP community is comprised of women, just like you. We strive to learn more about our faith and understand how the teachings of Jesus Christ can strengthen us to be the women, wives, friends, mothers, grandmothers, we are meant to be. Together we create an authentic community that laughs, learns, grows, and loves one another.

*Opening Your Heart (OYH)*, our foundational study, is designed for women new to Walking with Purpose. Whether or not you have any Bible study experience, we welcome you to learn how the Scriptures apply to our everyday lives.

For those women who have completed *OYH*, our next study is *Keeping in Balance (KIB)*. This Bible study will take us on a journey throughout Scripture to discover the relevance of Old and New Testament wisdom in relation to our current life challenges. God wants to support and help us so that we can be our best in every season of our life.

**We don't actually exercise—we "walk" on a faith journey together. Walking with Purpose leads hearts to Christ. For more info, visit [www.wwpnjshore.com](http://www.wwpnjshore.com)**

## INVOCATION OF THE HOLY HELPERS

As we are St. Denis Parish, we have the honor and privilege of having St. Denis as our patron saint and intercessor. St. Denis was invoked along with thirteen other saints during the period of the Black Death that devastated Europe from 1346-1349 they later would be known as the Fourteen Holy Helpers. Let us pray, asking the Holy Helpers to intercede for all people at this time:

**FOURTEEN HOLY HELPERS**, who served God in humility and confidence on earth and are now in the enjoyment of His beatific vision in Heaven; because thou persevered till death thou gained the crown of eternal life. Remember the dangers that surround us in this vale of tears, and intercede for us in all our needs and adversities. *Amen*

## LIFE LESSONS FROM COVID-19

(submitted by a parishioner)

It's been a difficult and trying Easter for all of us, but columnist Yvonne Abraham, writing in The Boston Globe (March 25, 2020), wonders if this Easter could be the beginning of something extraordinary.

*What would the world be like if the things that have become so important to us during this pandemic remained so? How would our lives look, if our values and priorities were frozen, right here? If we were always as kind to each other, and as worried about the world, as we are today? We would do just about everything differently. We would pay teachers (blessings be upon them!) as much as hedge-funders. Our hands would always be so clean we could eat off them. We would have more respect and money for low-wage workers who deliver our basic needs: grocery store clerks and others who work to bring food to our tables; drivers who keep bringing packages to the doors of the luckiest among us; trash haulers and maintenance workers and janitors and others who put themselves at risk to protect us. We would really see the folks who work in restaurants, most of them for lousy money, and insist that they earn wages that match their dignity. We would leave bigger tips. We would spend less money on things that serve no purpose except to signal status, care less about impressing strangers, make more of what we have last. We would waste less, period. We would spend more time with our family and friends, and be more keenly aware of our massive good fortune to have them, especially the older ones. We would hug longer, and linger in each other's presence. We would love our neighbor. Yep, even that one. We would work together to make those who are alone feel less so. We would be more grateful for what we have, and more outraged at what others do not. We would—will—be happier on the other side of this. If we remember...*

In the most difficult challenges of our lives— COVID-19 included, Christ the Good Shepherd speaks amid the turmoil and fear. If we listen with open hearts, we can hear Christ speaking in those small acts of kindness, forgiveness and justice that eventually get us beyond those obstacles. In the Gospel, Jesus calls himself the "gate," the entry way, for us to God, the passage through which we step from the reality of our imperfect, incomplete world, to the reality of the perfect holiness of God. May we learn the lessons of compassion and justice that these demanding days are teaching us, resolving to bring our new appreciation of the humanity we share into every Easter season to come.

## **Common Directives from Bishop David O’Connell to be Observed by All Parishes Until Further Notice**

The dispensation from Sunday/Holy Day Mass obligation remains in effect until Monday, September 7, 2020 (unless otherwise announced). The fulfillment of the Easter Duty may be accomplished before the First Sunday of Advent, November 29, 2020. The teachings of the Church regarding “Easter Duty,” as reflected in both the Catechism and the Code of Canon Law, indicate that there is an obligation to receive the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist – preceded by Sacramental Confession, if conscious of grave sin – at least once a year, usually during the Easter season, unless there is a “just reason” that requires its fulfillment at another time of the year. In the Diocese of Trenton, it has been impossible to fulfill these obligations until the Sacraments are readily available again. In short, the presence of the COVID-19 situation is a “just reason” to delay the fulfillment of this duty and thus the obligation is moved to a time in the future when these Sacraments are available again.

Parish churches may begin the celebration of limited “in church” public weekend Masses – with no more than 1/3 occupancy – on June 13-14, the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ, observing all requirements listed below. Weekday “in church” public Masses – with no more than 25 persons attending – may begin on Monday, June 8, 2020, observing the same requirements. Pastors will determine the most fair and effective ways to ensure proper observance of those numbers.

Those who are hesitant or fearful because of COVID-19 concerns as well as those with a COVID-19 diagnosis or symptoms, those who may be asymptomatic carriers, those not feeling well, those with underlying health conditions or those in a high-risk category should stay home and avoid any public gathering.

Mass schedules in church are to be determined by pastors and an alternate location may be selected in accordance with parish needs and local guidelines. If not on church property, all necessary permits and insurance coverage should be obtained.

A single entrance to the church should be utilized to monitor the number of people attending. All doors can be used for exiting church. Pastors and their staffs should devise a plan for an orderly exit from the church, eg., dismissal pew by pew.

Receptacles for parish offerings/collections should be placed at the entrance and all exits. Parishioners should be made aware and reminded of the presence of these receptacles and of on-line opportunities to support their parish in this time of special need.

The maximum percentage of seating mentioned above will determine the number of Masses necessary to accommodate the corresponding number of parishioners, keeping in mind the amount of time necessary to sanitize the church between Masses.

In parishes where seating is too small to accommodate a sufficient number of parishioners, outdoor Masses may be offered, observing all public health precautions listed in these Directives. Pastors should first consider as OPTIONS parish halls or auditoriums, etc., for overflow or provide both indoor and outdoor Masses.

Live-streaming of Masses shall continue, as determined by pastors.

Group devotional observances, including Children’s Liturgy of the Word and parish social gatherings are suspended until further notice.

No public gatherings or greetings before or after Masses, at church entrances/exits or on parish property are permitted.

All missals, hymnals, printed materials, pamphlets, etc., must be removed from churches. Sanitation of church before and after each Mass, using approved methods is mandatory. Consult online resources for recommended cleaning: e.g. <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/reopen-guidance.html>

Holy water fonts or receptacles are to remain empty.

Pastors may leave public restrooms open provided they are sanitized regularly.

A cantor may sing from the choir loft, or behind a clear screen when in front of the assembly. Congregational singing is discouraged to prevent any possible spread of COVID-19. Choirs are not to be used.

All directives should be posted in online parish bulletins, websites, social media, and church entrances.

Masks must be worn at all indoor/outdoor public Masses; regular hand washing with soap/water or alcohol-based sanitizer brought from home should take place; social distancing (6 feet) between groups of people from the same household and any other groups/individuals and between single individuals must be maintained at all indoor/outdoor Masses. Marking off pews is recommended.

The usual presentation of offertory gifts and physical contact of any kind at the sign of peace is prohibited.

Communion is restricted to the Sacred Host only and no chalice may be offered or shared. Communion in the hand is strongly preferred. A dispensation is granted for Communion in the hand for Masses in the Extraordinary Form. Where Communion is given on the tongue, the priest must sanitize hands between communicants.

The following methods for distribution of Holy Communion by the priest, deacon or, as necessary, extraordinary minister are suggested:

- Usual Communion line with social distancing (6 feet) between communicants in line.
- Passing in between pews, as for anointing at Masses of Anointing of the Sick.

Priests will not receive or gather the faithful after the Mass.

