



The Church of Saint Patrick

Havre de Grace, Maryland

Welcome Back

Guidelines for attending Mass

For those attending mass we will be in the hall for this gives us our healthiest venue to gather. We strive to create a welcoming worship space keeping the safety of our parishioners a priority by following the most current guidelines. Please read below the guidelines for attending mass. With the pandemic there comes change. Our guidelines below will explain some new ways of doing things prior to and attending mass.

Archbishop Lori has given dispensation for Sunday mass obligation. If you are at high-risk, not feeling well or not comfortable returning, mass can be viewed on our website or face book page.

Masks MUST be worn at all times.

Sign up of Mass

In following with the guidelines, we have limited seating for each mass and we need to have accurate record keeping of those attending mass for contact tracing purposes. Going forward we will be using Sign Up Genius. The links for Mass the weekend of June 13th and 14th and weekday masses for the week of June 15th are below.

Signing up with Sign Up Genius

- 1) Click on the link in this email for the Mass you would like to attend.
- 2) On the Sign Up Genius page click the "Sign Up" box.
- 3) At the bottom of the page click "submit and sign up".
- 4) Complete the form with name and email address, click "sign up now".
- 5) You will receive a confirmation email, please print and bring to mass with you.

Please remember there are only 50 seats per mass. Please understand that weekend masses may fill quicker than weekday masses. For those that do not have computer access please contact Marge Fair at margretta.fair@archbalt.org.

Arriving for Mass

- Doors to the main entrance of the hall will open 30 minutes prior to each Mass. This will be the only door used to enter the building.
- Face masks **are required** and are to be worn through the entire Mass.
- Please be sure to arrive at least 5 minutes before the start of Mass as the door will be shut when Mass begins, and we will not allow late entrance for safety purposes.
- As you enter the hall, please observe 6 foot social distancing.
- An usher will take your printed copy email confirmation.
- There will an offertory box available at this time for those that do not participate In on-line giving. (there is no collection during mass)

Seating

- Please proceed into the hall and fill seats starting from the front of the hall. Those living in the same household may sit together but 6 foot social distancing will be maintained between others. Please see an usher for assistance.

Understandably this could be frustrating for some. We ask your patience as we are trying to accommodate as many parishioners as possible keeping a safe environment for all.

Receiving Communion

- There will be no Precious Blood and we ask that everyone receive the Eucharist in the hand.
- Father will come to your seat with communion. Please STAY seated.
- DO NOT MOVE YOUR FACE MASK – once Father has given you communion and moved to the next person, you may slide your mask down to place the Eucharist in your mouth.
- Slide your mask back over your mouth promptly.

Exiting the Building

- At the conclusion, the 2 sets of doors that lead out of the building toward the convent will be open. Ushers will dismiss ensuring 6 foot social distancing and orderly exit.
- Please exit immediately so that sanitizing procedures may be done as soon as possible for the next mass.

General Guidelines

- Please observe 6 ft. social distancing as you enter and leave the hall.
- We will not have singing.
- There will be no physical contact for the sign of peace.
- Offertory box is at the entrance for donations. We will not take a collection.
- Please NO PHYSICAL CONTACT with parishioners.
- If you are not feeling well, please do not come to mass.
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Adoration - Tuesday and Thursday from 12pm to 3pm in the hall

- Practice social distancing at all times
- Face masks are required
- Greeter will be there to answer questions and sanitize seats after each use.

Confession - Thursday from 12pm to 1pm under the tent between the convent and garage.

- Practice social distancing at all times
- Face masks are required

We would like to thank you for your patience as we all get use to the new protocols for masses. This is a new way for all of us, but we want to ensure your safety as you worship. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Marge Fair at margretta.fair@archbalt.org or another staff member. Until we are prepared to welcome the staff back to the campus, emailing is the best form of communication. We will be emailing updates to mass schedules as well as posting them on the website and my parish app. If you are not receiving emails from us, please leave a message at the parish office or email Marge Fair.

God Bless and stay well.