

ST. LUKE THE EVANGELIST PARISH

GUIDELINES FOR THE RESUMPTION OF PUBLIC MASSES June 13/14, 2020

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On June 6, 2020, the Most Reverend Bishop S. R. Matano of Rochester Diocese granted permission for the resumption of public Masses in accordance NYS reopening guidelines.

The dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass remains in effect until further notice.

We are seeking ways to continue livestreaming of the 10:15 am Mass at St. Mary's and will provide update once that becomes possible.

Our first public Mass will be on Saturday June 13, 4:00 pm at St. Lucy, Retsof. We resume our regular Sunday Mass schedule on June 14: 8:00 am & 10:15 am Masses at St. Mary, Geneseo; 8:15 am Mass at Holy Angels, Nunda; 10:00am Mass at St. Patrick, Mount Morris.

Confessions will be by appointment only during the on-going coronavirus pandemic (please call the Office to schedule).

Masks are required to attend Mass, and worn throughout the duration and while on campus for everyone age 10 and older.

Please DO NOT SING during Mass. Only the Cantor and Pianist will sing.

Daily Mass has resumed on June 8, 2020 at 8:00am. Holy Hour will resume on June 18, 2020 at 2:00pm in St. Patrick Church. Adoration will continue as usual every Thursday between 5:00pm and 7:00pm at St. Mary Church.

SEATING CAPACITY/RESERVATIONS

Because of New York State guidelines allowing only 25% capacity for each church building, **a Reservation is required only for Sunday Masses.** Use the enclosed Form to indicate which Mass you would like to attend – First and Second choice. Call the office (hours are 8 am – 3 pm Monday – Thursday), or return FORM to the Parish Office by mail or drop it off ASAP. Seats will be filled in the order in which reservations are made. **If the Mass of your “first choice” is full, a seat will be reserved for you in the Mass of your second choice, and ONLY THEN WILL YOU RECEIVE A CALL BACK to notify you.**

Your reservation will stay the same every week. **Call the office by Wednesday to make any changes.**

PLAN BEFORE YOU ARRIVE

- Wash your hands. Use hand sanitizers provided at the door, but bring your hand sanitizer to use before receiving Holy Communion
- Face masks/coverings are required at all times on campus for age 10 and older.
- Pews will be cleaned by volunteers using appropriate and safe products before/after each Mass. Do not bring items that contain bleach to the Church as they can damage the pews.

ARRIVAL PROCEDURES

- Arrive 20-30 minutes before Mass starts to allow time to confirm reservation.
- Masks should be worn soon as you exit your vehicle.

- Enter through the main entrance. Side entrances for St. Mary and St. Patrick are reserved for people with disability ONLY. Seating will begin 20 minutes before Mass starts.
- Don't be late! You could lose your reserved seats if you arrive later than the start of Mass.
- Those without seat reservations will be asked to wait and will be seated ONLY IF space is available after others are seated.
- Ushers will direct you to a seat beginning from the front to the back of the Church. YOU WILL NOT BE ABLE TO CHOOSE A PEW.
- Every other pew will be closed and marked off.
- Six-foot distancing should be observed at all times between individuals or households.
- **Holy Water Fonts will stay empty**

DURING MASS

- There shall be NO congregational singing. Only Cantor/Pianist will sing.
- COLLECTION BASKET - Please place your weekly gift in the collection baskets provided at the entrance as you enter or exit the Church. **Online giving is strongly encouraged. Please check the bulletin or call the Office for easy set up.**
- Altar Servers, Choir, or Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are not permitted. **One person will do the commentary and Lector.**
- **Sign of Peace/ Lord's Prayer** – No physical contact between households.

HOLY COMMUNION

- Holy Communion will be received on the hand only.
- We encourage use of your hand sanitizer before Holy Communion.
- Maintain a single-file Communion line in the main aisle and 6-foot distance.

- Wear mask. Approach priest for Communion with arms fully extended, one hand opened and placed on top of the other, ready to receive the Eucharist.
- Do not reach for or close your hands around the Sacred Host. The Sacred Host will be placed on your hand by the priest and released to rest on your hand to avoid any contact with your hand.
- After receiving Holy Communion, please step aside, consume the Eucharist and then re-mask as you head back to your pew.

DEPARTURE FROM CHURCH

- **We will exit only through the MAIN DOORS to allow a one-directional movement, with those in the last pew leaving first and those in the first pew leaving last. Be sure to maintain a 6-foot social distance.**
- Side doors (at St. Mary and St. Patrick) are to be used only by people with disability.
- A Collection Basket is available at the Main entrance to the Church.

New information is received by the parish daily. Please be patient as we navigate our way and continue to work out ways to worship together and still observe required guidelines.