

# *Saint Philip Church*

## *What To Expect When Coming To Mass*

### *Before You Leave Home To Come To Saint Philip's*

- Bishop Tobin has extended the dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday/Holyday Mass; please **stay home** if you:
  - are experiencing any symptoms of any sickness or illness or not feeling well in the slightest bit;
  - do not feel comfortable, safe, or peaceful about coming to Church;
  - are a senior citizen or your health and/or immune system is compromised in some way;
- Saint Philip's will continue to broadcast Holy Mass on our [Youtube](#) channel at *Saint Philip Parish Greenville RI*;
- use the rest room because the Church's rest rooms might not be available;
- wear your mask or cloth facial covering over your nose and mouth;
- bring your own worship aid with you should you wish to follow the Mass;
- plan to ARRIVE EARLY because the arrival and entering procedures will take a few minutes;
- if a line is forming outdoors, please practice "physical distancing" by maintaining a distance of 6 feet from anyone in front of or behind you.

### *When Arriving at / Entering the Church*

- trained "Hospitality Volunteers" (referred to as "HVs") will greet you at the door and offer directions to you throughout the arrival and entering process;
- the doors to our buildings will be wide open as you arrive;
- deposit all budget and offering envelopes into a secure offering box located at the doors;

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- HVs will assist you to sanitize your hands; Holy Water will not be available for the time being;
- HVs will direct you to your seat; for seating (for the time being):
  - the floor of the Church building has blue-tape crosses, marking the available places to sit, maintaining a 6 feet distance from other people .... families or those living together in the same household may choose to sit together;
  - seating will be working from the front to the back ... that way, those who might arrive later will be seated without interrupting the Mass;
  - at least for the time being, seats will be assigned .... it may not be where you ordinarily sat ... thank you for your patience and understanding as we all adjust to something new; sitting in a new spot might give you a "new perspective" on things!
- no offertory collections, no offertory procession, and no exchanging the *Sign of Peace*;
- instructions will be given by the priests about receiving Holy Communion and the HVs will guide the procession lines to and from the Holy Communion stations; for the time being, only the 2 priests will serve Holy Communion, perhaps assisted by our parish seminarians when needed.

## *Exiting / Leaving the Church*

- HVs will assist everyone with exiting the building; exiting will begin in the back and move forward toward the Altar;
- no congregating either inside or outside the buildings, please;
- physical distancing must be maintained, keeping a distance of 6 feet;
- after everyone has left, the HVs will sanitize all surfaces that have been touched in preparation for the next Mass or service.

*Thank You for your patience and cooperation!*