

## **In-person Worship at All Saints Cathedral Parish Updated as of June 7, 2020**

In-person worship will resume at All Saints Cathedral Parish on Sunday, June 14<sup>th</sup>. Holy Mass will be celebrated at 9:00 . We have reviewed the documentation from the Bishops of the Polish National Catholic Church, the Center for Disease Control, the state of Illinois and the City of Chicago and have a plan in place to “reopen” our parish in the safest manner possible.

There will be some new norms for all to follow, so we kindly ask your cooperation and understanding regarding the new protocols.

- During the Covid-19 pandemic the Bishops of the PNCC have exempted from the Sunday in-person worship obligation any parishioners uncertain about their health status. This includes anyone who has been in contact with a person testing positive for Covid-19 or anyone over the age of 65 as being more susceptible to contracting and spreading the virus. If you feel you are not ready to return to public worship at All Saints your decision is fully supported by the Church. We will continue to broadcast Holy Mass on our YouTube channel as well as making it available on the parish Facebook page. We will also continue to pray for you and await your return when you are ready.
- All worshippers should enter the church through the main entrance leading into the vestibule and glass doors leading into the pews. We ask that you not go into the lower level of the church unless restroom facilities are not available on the main level. No one should use the elevator.
- The use of face masks is mandatory. Please bring your own mask; if you do not have one a mask will be provided for you. Hand sanitizers should be used prior to entering and leaving the church.
- Social distancing within the church is mandatory as it is in the general public community. You are requested to keep six (6) feet apart at all times. The exception is when a couple or family within the same household are together.

- When you enter the church you will be seated by an usher, starting from the front of the church and working to the back. Upon dismissal the back of the church will go first and work toward the front.
- All Mass Books, Pamphlets, etc. previously left in the pews have been removed. The Sunday Bulletin will be placed in the pews prior to Holy Mass and a paper Mass book will be made available to anyone wishing to use one. You are requested to take the bulletin and Mass book home with you. Please do not leave them in the pew or vestibule.
- Please do not congregate in the vestibule prior to or after Mass. If you wish to congregate with other parishioners, please do so outside and remember to keep a social distance.
- By directive of our PNCC Bishops there will be no congregational singing. The organist, cantor and/or soloist will provide the music ministry and make our worship a more prayerful experience.
- We will not have the usual offering collection. We deeply appreciate your financial gifts and a basket will be placed in the vestibule in which to place your offering. You are also reminded of our online giving service as an alternative to the regular offering envelope.
- At this time, again by directive of our PNCC Bishops, there will be no distribution of the Holy Eucharist to the faithful. Holy Eucharist will be received by the Act of Spiritual Communion.
- The clergy will not greet the congregation as they exit the church, but the Pastor will give a general greeting to everyone prior to leaving the sanctuary.
- The church will be disinfected following each Mass and prepared for the next worship service.

Please stay safe and continue to pray often. While this is not what we are used to, it is a huge step forward in returning to normal. Let us continue to be patient, keeping a positive outlook as we return to worship together and await even greater opportunities in the future.