

Dear People of God:

As of this date in salvation history and based on the information being provided by State and Diocesan officials at this time, the parish of Christ Church Woodbury looks forward to opening her doors to public worship on the Third Sunday after Pentecost, June 21st, under the guidelines within this brochure

Public worship will commence on June 21st, with the offering of an 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, and 5:30 PM spoken Mass.

Christ Church understands that this is not a “hard” or “abrupt” opening as so many factors in interest of public health remain and safe practices must be maintained. Although Christ Church is a beautiful space in which to worship, we have unique building considerations that must be factored into any clearly stated guidelines.



CHRIST CHURCH REGATHERING GUIDELINES

- The Weekday Mass and Daily Office schedule will resume June 21st
- All State of New Jersey mandates and Diocesan directives will be recognized and followed without exception.
- As a temporary measure, a Sunday evening (5:30 PM) said Mass will be added to the schedule as encouragement for communicants to make their Holy Communion while avoiding a population that may exceed or even approach the higher level of what is allowable by State guidelines.
- A hygiene station will be established at the principal door for the sanitizing of hands with liquid hand sanitizer and the placement of face masks.
- Every other pew will be closed as the means of maintaining correct social distancing.
- As has long been our practice, The Peace will be recognized from the altar but not exchanged.
- Although the consecration of the elements (bread and wine) will take place upon the altar, Holy Communion will be distributed in one kind only (bread). The Body of Christ will be distributed by the Celebrant into open hands extended across the chancel rail. Those who do not wish to receive Holy Communion are encouraged to come forward for a blessing indicated by arms crossed before the chest.
- Ushers will be present at the 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist to guide and assist communicants without physical contact.
- A summer choral music offering will begin in July with choral scholars only. (The Choir **may** resume in September based on information we have at that time in interest of public health.)
- Acolytes, lay readers, lectors and intercessors are encouraged to make their assignments, wash their hands, maintain social distance, and maintain an orderly area for vesting. Communicating openly and often with those who hold ministry oversight or positions of lay liturgical leadership is key. Family members of the same household are encouraged to serve together.