

Saint Mary Anne's Process for In-Person Sunday and Holy Day Worship

<u>Service Hours:</u> Each Sunday, we will have 8:00 and 10:00AM services. Due to the required four-hour gap between services for cleaning, we will have our 8:00AM service outdoors during pleasant weather and in the church during inclement weather. Our 10AM service will be outdoors during pleasant weather and in the Parish Hall during inclement weather. We will alternate this indoor worship schedule during inclement weather, giving all the opportunity to worship in the church.

<u>Cleaning:</u> We will follow recommended cleaning procedures after each service. We will hire a cleaning person.

<u>Parking:</u> The Church parking lot on Church Point Road is open. Parishioners are to use proper social distancing when walking to and from the church. Additional parking is available in the lot behind the Parish Center and on S. Main Street.

<u>Masks/Face coverings</u>: Parishioners must wear masks/face coverings at all services and gatherings whether inside the church or at outdoor services. This rule is **mandatory**. We plan to have a few masks available but please bring your masks/face coverings to help us save on costs. For those who do not wish to wear a facemask or cannot, we ask you to view our online service at your home.

<u>Online services</u>: Father John will continue to video two services each week. We plan to video a Wednesday, Morning, Noonday or Evening prayer service and **one** service on Sunday (probably the 8AM service). The Sunday service will be uploaded early Sunday afternoon. You can find these services on our YouTube Channel and Facebook page.

Specific to Inside Church Worship

<u>Entering the Church</u>: Parishioners are to use the Hoopes Court entrance only, with social distancing. There will be hand sanitizer stations outside the Vestry House, and two stations outside the Church on Hoopes Court.

<u>Seating</u>: We are limited to 54 seats for an indoor Sunday worship. This excludes the Priest and musicians. The first two rows of pews will not be used following distance requirements from the Priest and Lectors. The Lector will sit with the Congregation. The balcony will be closed until further notice. Please follow the direction of the ushers. If we reach our maximum, we will ask you to return home to view our service on the St. Mary Anne's YouTube channel.

<u>Bulletins</u>: You can find the entire service in the bulletin. We have temporarily removed the Prayer Books, Hymnals and Bibles. Bulletins will continue to be available online. Bulletins can be taken home or disposed of in the recycling bin outside the church. Please do not leave the bulletin in the pew or church.

<u>Prayer Request Cards/Connect Cards:</u> These cards were temporarily removed. Please see a Vestry person to add a name to the Prayer List or request information. You may also email us at office@stmaryanne.org

<u>Beginning of Service</u>: There will be no procession to the Altar. The service is to begin from the Chancel area with a welcome and announcements from Fr. John, followed by an opening hymn.

<u>Exiting the Church</u>: Ushers will dismiss people by rows beginning with the pews closest to the Hoopes Court doors.

<u>Conclusion of Service:</u> There will be no procession out of the church. Fr. John will stand in Hoopes Court, with mask, to greet people.

Specific to Outdoor Worship

Outdoor services will be held, weather permitting, in the churchyard close to the Parish Center.

<u>Sanitizing Stations:</u> We will have three hand sanitizing stations for outdoor services. One at the entrance to the churchyard nearest the Parish Center. The other will be on the gravel driveway near the S. Main Street entrance. The third station will be on the sidewalk nearest the gravel driveway for those parking on Church Point Road. All parishioners must use these stations.

<u>Seating:</u> For your comfort, you are encouraged to bring lawn chairs from home. Please maintain six (6) feet distancing side to side and front to back while attending outside services. Family units that reside together may sit together. We will have chairs available if you cannot bring one with you.

<u>Ushers</u> are available to direct you to seating, or assist you to find a place if you brought your own chairs from home. Please listen to their instructions for the safety of all.

<u>Outdoor service conclusion:</u> There will be no formal procession. Fr. John will be available to greet people, wearing a mask. At the end of the service, if you are able, please assist ushers in stacking the metal folding chairs against the wall.

General Information for Worship (Indoor and Outdoor)

<u>Welcome Table:</u> All parishioners must visit the Welcome Table, to check in, prior to admittance. Please arrive early enough to visit this table.

<u>Nursery/Children:</u> No nursery services and/or Children's ministry at this time. When the state and local school boards present a plan to open schools, we will revisit how to provide safely this service and ministry.

<u>Lectors:</u> We will use one Lector at each service, and he/she will read both Old and New Testament, Psalm, and Prayers of the People. They will use their own bulletin copy of readings and not read from Lectern book. Lectors may sit with family or friends.

<u>Eucharistic Ministers:</u> For the near future, Eucharistic ministers/Chalice Bearers will merge into the Lector ministry (see above). Eucharistic Ministers will not need to vest.

Acolytes: In order to limit people in the altar area, acolytes will not be assisting Fr. John at this time.

<u>Music:</u> We will continue to offer beautiful music under the direction of Mr. Joel Alarcon at all services for inside or outside worship.

<u>Choir:</u> We will offer Virtual Choir under the direction of Mr. Alex Bi. Selections will be available on our YouTube channel.

<u>Congregational Hymn Singing:</u> We are saddened that we cannot sing any hymns during our services for the near future. We encourage all to participate in our virtual choir.

<u>Offering:</u> The ushers will not pass the offering plates, or present them at the altar. There will be an offering table, at both outdoor and indoor services, for your generous donation.

<u>Baptisms</u>, <u>Funerals and Weddings</u> are allowed, with adherence to guidelines for in-person worship and attendee number limits. Speak to Fr. John for specifics.

<u>Birthday and Anniversary Blessings</u> for special occasions will continue; however, Fr. John is unable to anoint with Holy Oil at this time.

<u>Bulletins</u> will have the entire service printed. We ask that you take the bulletin home with you or dispose it in the recycling receptacle. Please DO NOT leave these on any chairs, tables or in the pews.

<u>Restrooms</u> are available in the Vestry House and Parish House. We will have disinfecting spray in all restrooms and towels. Please clean your area of use, including faucet handles and countertops and dispose soiled paper towels. Hand sanitizer is available in all restrooms.

<u>Sacristy</u> is off limits to all but Altar Guild and Clergy; Vestry House is limited to six people socially distanced.

<u>Parish Center Kitchen</u> is off limits to all except Altar Guild members. We plan to use the Parish Center kitchen as Sacristy for our outdoor services.

<u>Parish Center</u>: We may need to use the Parish Center for services if it is raining. We are limited to <u>54</u> people. For safety purposes, the front door of the Parish Center will remain locked unless we are holding a service in the Parish Hall due to inclement weather.

<u>Coffee Hours</u> and gathering times are prohibited for the near future. Food and beverages will not be available. We will keep everyone posted as conditions improve.

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