

Dear Parish Family–

This afternoon, Wednesday July 28, 2021, Bishop David M. O’Connell requested pastors to recommend to their parishioners the wearing of masks at all indoor events. This is an invitation to help prevent the rising and rapid spread of the deadly Covid–19 ‘Delta’ variant of the disease.

The recommendation was made to him by New Jersey Health Commissioner Judy Persichilli (whom the Bishop trusts) and Governor Phil Murphy. The Bishop notes this is not a mandate at this time but a recommendation and for Christians an act of charity and concern for those not vaccinated.

The Covid–19 ‘Delta’ variant is quite troubling as it can infect and make sick even those who have been vaccinated however for those not vaccinated it can cause death. It is spreading rapidly in our area.

Effective immediately we ask you to consider wearing a mask at Mass most especially if you have not been vaccinated and if you have been vaccinated we ask you to wear a mask in deference to those who have not been vaccinated, again this is advisory only and NOT mandatory at this time. The Church is very large and well ventilated but we can take these extra precautions to help in slowing the spread of this terrible virus.

Effective August 1 all meetings held inside the parish facilities will require masks since the rest of the facility is not large and is either has no ventilation or is poorly ventilated. Meetings conducted outside do not require masks but we suggest wearing a mask and practice social distancing as a precaution.

Bishop O’Connell, I fully support this effort, asks all Catholics to get vaccinated, the vaccine is widely available and without cost. Please consider getting vaccinated for your safety, your families safety and for the Common Good of all.

Thank you for your attention and cooperation, we can all do our part to slowing the spread.

Peace and Good – Fr. Bambrick