



A Guide to Returning to Parish Operations and Ministry

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EVENT OR INITIATIVE	CURRENT GUIDELINES
PARISH & SCHOOL OPERATIONS These guidelines are subject to orders in place by local ordinances or health departments.	
PRAYER & SACRAMENTS	
Sunday and Daily Mass	No restrictions except where local orders remain in effect. Make accommodations for people who want to continue social distancing and/or wearing of face coverings. Review CDC cleaning and sanitizing protocols here .
Wearing of Face Coverings	No face coverings required except where local orders remain in place.
Reception of Communion	Maintain reception of Communion under one species. Reception of Communion is recommended in the hand only. If reception on the tongue is allowed, it should be done AFTER those who have received in the hand. One designated distributor is preferred. Alternating distribution between hand and tongue is not allowed.
Lay Eucharistic Ministers	Yes, Eucharistic Ministers may be used to distribute Communion.
Choir/Singing	Choirs are allowed.
Music	Musicians are allowed.
Anointing of Covid patients	Contact Vicar for Clergy for instructions.
Anointing of the Sick Services	Yes. Public communal celebrations of the Sacrament of the Sick are allowed.
Visiting/Taking Communion to Parishioners who are Homebound	Individuals may take communion to spouse/family member, using an appropriate pyx.

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Visiting Parishioners/Taking Communion into Hospitals, Nursing Homes, Assisted Living or Rehab Facilities and Senior Living Complexes	Yes, clergy and limited number of parish-trained lay ministers only, taking extra caution with hygiene and handwashing, following facility guidelines.
Children's Liturgy of the Word	Yes.
Distribution of Holy Water	Yes, in individual containers or automatic dispensers.
Use of Holy Water in Fonts	Yes.
Funeral luncheons/receptions or wedding rehearsal receptions, etc.	Yes. Individually-wrapped / served food. No self-service buffet.
Use of parish and school buildings for parish/school activities	Yes.
Use of parish and school buildings for outside groups	Yes. See facility usage agreement .
PARISH AND SCHOOL EVENTS	
In-person Graduations for 2021	Yes. Please contact Office for Schools for any clarification.
Baccalaureate Masses for 2021	Yes. Please contact Office for Schools for any clarification.
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Spring Concerts / Plays / Musicals	Yes.
Religious Education (Child and Youth, K-5, Middle/High School & Youth Ministry)	Yes, in-person formation is preferred. Small groups encouraged.

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Youth Ministry: Same day retreats and gatherings, etc.	Yes, with a parent consent form or permission slip from all participants, and ensuring all Safe Environment requirements are met. Individually wrapped meals okay (i.e. box lunch). Use of bus transportation is allowed.
Youth Ministry: Overnight Youth Retreats, Conferences, Mission Trips	Yes. See guidelines here .
ACTIVITIES	
Parish Festivals	Yes. See guidelines here .
Parish Social Gatherings, such as Fun Runs/Walks, picnics, Parish picnics, etc.	Yes. Use same guidelines as parish festivals.
Parish/School Events with Food, such as bake sales, donut Sundays, etc.	Yes. No self service. Distribute by volunteers wearing gloves.
Parish/School Auctions or Other Fundraisers	Yes. Use same guidelines as parish festivals.
Parish/School Fish Fry, Chicken Dinners, etc.	Yes, using extra cleaning and safety precautions. Workers wearing gloves and face coverings. Dine in, pick-up, or drive-thru service.
Parish Support Groups, AA meetings, etc.	Yes.
Parish Sports, Adult Athletic Programs, Open Gyms, T-ball, etc.	Yes.
Parish Golf Outings	Yes. Individual or pre-packed meals. No self-service buffet.
Meal Programs, Food Pantries and other social outreach	Yes, following state guidelines and taking extra hygiene and cleaning precautions, with social distancing protocols.
Offertory Counters	No restrictions. Follow offertory guidelines.