



Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church

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Pastor

As of July 1, 2020

PROTOCOLS FOR PARTICIPATING AT MASS AT OLPH

1. Bishop Barres is still granting a dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass, which is in effect indefinitely. If you feel you are unable to return to Mass just yet because you are in a high-risk category and have health concerns, it is not a sin to miss Mass. Please stay safe!
2. **IF YOU ARE SICK, STAY HOME. IF YOU HAVE A FEVER, STAY HOME. IF YOU HAVE BEEN EXPOSED OR THINK YOU MIGHT HAVE BEEN EXPOSED TO CORONAVIRUS, STAY HOME.**
3. For those still unable to attend Mass in person, we are continue to record the Sunday Mass and post it on our website, www.olphlindenhurst.com, accessible through the YouTube link.
4. The current Mass schedule until further notice is: **Saturday—5:00 p.m.; Sunday—8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 Noon.** We will not have a 5:00 p.m. Mass on Sunday until further notice. Mass intentions for that Mass will be fulfilled by the priest celebrating the recorded Mass until that Mass resumes publicly.
5. Attendees will be admitted into the church **ONLY** at the Wellwood Avenue entrance, one person or one family at a time, as soon as all Ministers of Hospitality are in place, and not later than 15 minutes before the scheduled starting time of the Mass.
6. **A FACE MASK OR COVERING MUST BE WORN BY EVERYONE EXCEPT CHILDREN UNDER 2 YEARS OF AGE.**
7. Hand sanitizer will be available as you enter the church, but you are strongly encouraged to bring your own and to use it during Mass as needed.
8. You will be greeted and assisted in being seated by one of our Ministers of Hospitality. Social distancing will be required, except by members of the same household. Please do not expect to sit in your usual seat. Please be cooperative and agree to sit where required according to attendance and social distancing. This is a time to be spiritually generous and to offer up our own wants and desires for the sake of the greater common good.
9. Please follow proper social distancing at all times when inside the church. This means not sitting in pews that are blocked off, and maintaining at least a 6-foot distance from others. Members of the same household may sit together.

10. Follow the direction of the Ministers of Hospitality during Mass and for leaving the church after Mass.

11. Weekday Masses follow the normal weekday Mass schedule: **Monday through Friday at 6:30 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. and Saturdays at 8:00 a.m.** The same rules concerning masks and social distancing apply.

Please note these other important items:

1. Surfaces in the church will be sanitized between Masses, and the entire church is being sanitized every evening after closing, 7 nights a week.

2. Monday afternoon devotions, following the 12:15 p.m. Mass, and Wednesday afternoon Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, immediately following the 12:15 p.m. Mass and concluding with Midday Prayer and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, are both being held again, as of Monday, July 6 and Wednesday, July 8, respectively.

3. Confessions are being heard in the school building, in classrooms in the annex hallway along High Street, every Saturday from 4:00 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. At this time, this is the only scheduled time for Confessions. You can also make a separate appointment to meet with a priest in the rectory for Confession if you are unable to make the scheduled time. See the separate link and document for special protocols about going to Confession.

4. Evening Prayer prayed virtually on the Zoom platform will continue for the foreseeable future. See the website for details.

Information can always be found on our website, www.olphlindenhurst.com.