



# All Saints Parish

*A Roman Catholic faith community on the coast of Maine  
We believe and we share.*

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Beginning Monday, May 24, 2021, All Saints Parish will be implementing the following based on the recommendations from the Diocese of Portland:

## **May 22/23**

- No changes will take place to any of the current requirements for Mass.
- Masks must be worn by all attendees.
- Sign-in with volunteers as you enter.
- The obligation to attend Mass continues to be dispensed for the time being.

## **Beginning May 24:**

- No capacity limits, no more advance registration for Mass
- No requests for contact tracing information.
  - eliminate taking contact information.
  - may use multiple entrances into the church.
- No social distancing between households
  - use all pews or seating available in the church.
  - the parish will provide a small area where social distancing can occur for those who are not ready to co-mingle.
- Masks are no longer required for any individuals indoors or outdoors - vaccinated or not.
  - Parish staff and volunteers may not ask whether a parishioner is vaccinated as a condition of entering a church facility.
  - People are welcome to wear masks if that makes them more comfortable. Please respect everyone's decision on this.
- All these changes also apply to parish offices.
- Staff and volunteers no longer need to submit the required self-assessments. Please keep in mind that you should still be aware of how you are feeling and take that into consideration before you attend Mass.

## **The following remains the same:**

All the usual protocols for the celebration of Mass, excepted what is listed above, will continue. Further information on the protocols for the celebration of Mass will be issued in a few weeks. This includes hymnals, singing, choirs, collection etc. We will update you as we know more.

## **The following can take place:**

- Extraordinary ministers may bring Holy Communion to the homebound. The homebound person and the minister must both agree to the arrangement.
- Choirs can rehearse indoors without distancing. A date or circumstances for resuming ensembles at liturgies is still being determined. Aside from the aforementioned, previous guidelines for choirs and music remain in place for liturgies until further notice.

**The following are recommended:**

- Cleaning the church once each day in use.
- Having hand sanitizer available as people enter the church.
- Continuing to live-stream the celebration of Mass.
- Opening doors and windows for ventilation.
- Increasing hospitality to welcome people as they arrive and to answer their questions.

We would like to take this time to thank all the volunteers and staff who worked so hard to keep all parishioners safe during the heightened time of the pandemic. Your commitment to the parish is very much appreciated.

**Updates for the state of Maine can be found at:**

**[Moving Maine Forward Guidelines](#)**