

Dear Parishioners,

I would like to share with you some remarks from Bishop O'Connell:

“COVID rages on, particularly in Burlington County. Please be careful and don't take any risks: masks, social distance, ventilation, washing hands frequently, sanitization of public spaces, stay away if high risk, feeling sick. Please be especially careful in larger groups.

Curtail other non-liturgical/non-sacramental functions in parish buildings.

The Body of Christ is to be consumed immediately after receiving it from the priest, deacon or minister. The Host is not to be carried back to your pew or out of the Church under any circumstances.

Take every precaution to protect yourself and others. It's really an act of charity.”

Also, I would like to remind you that although printed materials are not permitted to remain in the Church at this time, our missalettes containing the Readings and prayers for Advent, Christmas and Lent can be found on a cart in the vestibule. Please feel free to take them home with you, to bring them to Church when you attend Mass and to use them at home when you participate in an on-line Mass. In the next few weeks Christmas wafers and parish calendars will also be available on the cart.

Our Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Mass schedule will be somewhat different than in the past. In light of the limited amount of people who are permitted in the Church at one time (approximately 70 people depending on whether they are individuals or members of the same family), we are still making some adjustments and will inform you as soon as possible.

I am happy to tell you that we are in the process of setting up an on-line Sunday Mass here at Sacred Heart that will be available through our Parish website. We hope to have this in place very soon. This will allow people to stay safely at home and still participate in our Liturgy.

May you have a Happy Thanksgiving and blessed Advent,

*Father John*