



# *Saint John Vianney Church*

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## **Plan for Re-Opening (Effective Saturday, June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2020)**

We are pleased to announce that as of June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2020, in accordance with civil and archdiocesan guidelines, Saint John Vianney Church has now moved into the “open” or “green” phase.

Let us first give thanks to Almighty God that we are able to gather once again, albeit in a different way, as a parish family to offer fitting praise and worship to almighty God and to obtain from the Lord all necessary graces.

In accordance with both Archdiocesan and civil recommendations, please note the following guidelines which will govern the celebration of Mass at Saint John Vianney until further notice.

These policies have been put into place as a balance between the need to safeguard our community as well as to ensure that we worship the Lord in a way that is fitting and sacred.

### **Matters General**

- First, it is important to understand that the dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligations continues to be in effect in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia until it is lifted by the Archbishop. In short, the faithful are still not obliged to attend Mass on Sundays.
- Secondly, those members of the congregation who may be vulnerable to coronavirus because of advanced age or underlying medical conditions, and especially the sick, are encouraged not to attend the public celebration of the Mass until further notice.
- Thirdly, the ecclesial responsibility for the temporal support of our parish remains in place. Congregants can either mail their weekly contribution to the parish office or send their contribution using our e-giving platform. See elsewhere on the Parish website for more information ([sjvgladwyne.com](http://sjvgladwyne.com)).
- Saint John Vianney Parish will return to its regular schedule of Masses:
  - Liturgical schedule
    - Daily Mass
      - Monday – Friday celebrated at 7:30 AM
      - Saturday celebrated at 8:00 AM
    - Sunday Mass
      - Saturday Vigil Mass – celebrated at 5:00 PM
      - Sunday Mass – celebrated at 8:30 AM and 10:30 AM

- Confessions
    - Saturday – celebrated at 4:15 PM-4:45 PM
- Sanitizing Mitigating Procedures
  - All surfaces of the Parish Church will be cleaned—pews, doors, etc—before and after Mass.
  - As you enter the Church, there will be a dispensing station with hand sanitizer. All who enter the Church are asked to use the hand sanitizer available at the entrances. In the event of limited supplies, parishioners are encouraged to bring their own hand sanitizer.
  - All holy water fonts will remain empty.
  - All books, including hymnals, prayer books, and books in kiosks will be removed from the Church.
- Social Distancing Mitigating Procedures
  - While members of one family can sit together, we will maintain social distancing of six feet from other families/parties both while seated in the Church and while processing up for Holy Communion.
  - During the “green,” the number of congregants permitted in Church is limited to 75% of the Church’s capacity.
  - The pews will be marked indicating the places for proper seating. The congregants will sit at the end of the pew with an empty pew between each family/congregant.
  - Since at this time, many of our families will be away at vacations and other congregants will be unable to attend due to their vulnerability to the coronavirus, we hope that our plan will be able to accommodate all congregants.
  - Seating as always will be organized on a “first come, first served” basis.
  - In accordance with Archdiocesan directive, all congregants (except those under 2 years of age or those with special needs) are required to wear masks or face covering while in Church.
  - Along the lines of limiting contagion in the air, singing will be provided by the cantor, but the parishioners will be discouraged from singing due to the risk of aerosolized particles. The hymns will be beautifully sung by our organist and cantor and will still enhance our liturgy.
  - In lieu of taking up a collection with collection baskets at the offertory, designated collection boxes will be available near the church entrances for parishioners to place their weekly envelopes prior to Mass.
  - Bulletins will be spread out on a long table for parishioners to take as they depart.

### **Particular Liturgical Matters**

- During this “green” phase, there will continue to be certain adaptations of the Order of the Mass to ensure the safety of congregants.
- Entrance Procession
  - For the entrance procession, liturgical ministers and the celebrant will maintain social distancing and the ministers will process, not through the congregation, but directly from the sacristy to the sanctuary.

- The lector will not process holding the Book of Gospels, rather, a single Lectionary will be used at the Pulpit and the lector will be seated in the first pew.
- Opening Rites
  - The priest will use a stand holding the Missal at the celebrant's chair to offer the presidential prayers.
  - The Gloria, which is normally sung, will be recited.
- Liturgy of the Word
  - Only Liturgical Ministers who are not at risk may serve at this time. We will also limit the ministers for each Mass to ensure the safety of those serving at the altar (i.e. one lector, one altar server, and two extraordinary ministers).
  - During the Preparation of the Altar, the collection and offertory procession will be omitted.
- Liturgy of the Eucharist
  - The invitation to exchange the Sign of Peace will continue to be suspended.
  - The distribution of Precious Blood will continue to be suspended.
  - Reception of Holy Communion
    - Before the priest or Extraordinary Ministers distribute Holy Communion, they will sanitize with disinfectant and put on a mask.
    - There will be two communion stations as usual located in the front/center of the church.
    - Parishioners will process forward as usual pew-by-pew but maintain social distancing. However, there will only be one communion line coming down the center aisle.
    - "X's" will be marked on the floor to guide social distancing.
    - If a congregant does not wish to receive Holy Communion, they can remain in their pew and make a spiritual communion.
    - For reception of Holy Communion, parishioners will process forward wearing their mask and keeping social distancing of six feet from the communicant in front of them. When in front of the priest/Extraordinary Minister, the congregant will remove the mask from one ear, say "Amen," and then extend their hands. After receiving the sacred host in their hands, the congregant will take one step to the side, consume the Blessed Sacrament, restore their mask, and process back to their pew.
      - Out of respect for the Blessed Sacrament, parishioners are not permitted to receive Holy Communion while wearing gloves.
    - A specific station for those who desire to receive Holy Communion on the tongue will be located by the side door near the Saint John Vianney statue. The Extraordinary Minister who distributes Holy Communion on the tongue will sanitize after each person.
    - The priest and Extraordinary Ministers will sanitize after Holy Communion has been distributed.
  - Recessional Procession
    - As in the entrance procession, liturgical ministers will maintain social distancing and process from the sanctuary directly into the sacristy.

- The Parish Offices will be open for visitors Monday-Friday from 9:00 AM – 12:00PM and 12:30PM – 3:30PM. Visitors are asked to wear masks when coming to the Parish Office and maintain social distancing.

*Thank you for your cooperation! We look forward to celebrating the Holy Mass as a community with great joy mindful of these important guidelines.*