

June 26, 2020

Dear Parishioners,

Good News! Churches within the Archdiocese of Hartford will be able to celebrate weekend Masses beginning **July 4/5**. Adhering the Archdiocesan procedures and the CT state laws, St. Peter Claver Church can accommodate a total of ninety (90) socially distanced persons at a given Mass.

With this said, the dispensation from the Sunday obligation previously granted to all Catholics of the Archdiocese by the Archbishop has been extended through Sunday, September 6, 2020. The elderly, those with pre-existing conditions, those who are fearful or anxious, and those who are taking care of a sick or homebound person should consider not attending Mass at this time.

Reservations must be made to attend weekend Masses. To reserve a seat for a weekend Mass, please use the link available on our website stpeterclaverparish.com. If you are unable to sign up on-line, you may call the Rectory at 860-561-4235 to reserve your seat Monday through Friday between 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. This is new to all of us and adjustments may need to be made in the future.

Those attending Mass are required to **wear a mask or face covering**, with a few exceptions:

- Children under the age of two should not wear masks.
- Parents should judge for children between the ages of two and five whether they should wear a mask.
- All people who claim an exemption for a legitimate health reason (one that does not pose a risk to others) can forego wearing a mask.

Those attending Mass must keep proper **social distancing** while in the church. This will require everyone to remain 6 feet apart from anyone who is not a member of their household. No social gatherings in the church, the parking lot and the entire premises either before or after Mass.

Church doors will be open 45 minutes prior to the scheduled Mass. Parishioners will be directed to a seat by an usher. Please understand at this time you may not be able to sit in your accustomed pew. **Church doors will be closed with no further admittance 5 minutes prior to the start of Mass.**

Please bring hand sanitizer and use as you enter the church. The Parish Hall is closed and therefore only the restroom in the Church will be accessible. The Church will be sanitized between Masses.

We are trying to keep everyone as safe as we can.

It's been so long – I can't wait to see you!

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Bob