

Revised May 29, 2020

**Reception of the Eucharist Begins on May 31, Pentecost Sunday
at St Joseph Parish, Belmont**

On May 19, 2020, Bishop Libasci pronounced a decree and set forth plans for us to be able to return to the gift of receiving the Eucharist. The decree, the Letter to the Faithful and the conditions regarding the Worship Space are all available through the links above.

Each parish is given to implement these guidelines according to the needs and readiness of its own parish. Therefore, and whereas public celebrations of Mass remain prohibited, **Saint Joseph Parish will observe the following:**

1. Sunday Mass will be celebrated via livestream at 10:00AM. You may access the live stream here at our parish website, or on the parish's Facebook Page. Everyone is encouraged to participate in the celebration of Mass via livestream the day they intend on receiving Communion.
2. We will open the doors of the Church to the faithful of St Joseph Church, to receive Communion on Sunday, May 31, the Feast of Pentecost, and the subsequent Sundays thereafter.
3. The doors will be opened at approximately 11:30 AM, following the 10:00 AM Mass, and Holy Communion will be available for your reception until 12:00 PM. Please follow the directions of the ushers.
4. Maintaining social distancing, people will be able to enter the church via **the front center door only**, single file, and proceed down the center aisle, following the floor markings.
5. **Everyone must wear a face covering** (face masks will be available should you not have one, or forget to bring your own). **Gloves are not to be worn** for the reception of Holy Communion. Hand sanitizer will be available and must be used upon entrance into the church.
6. For health reasons, everyone will receive in the hand.
7. Once you receive the host, you will proceed to the marked area to your left or right remove your mask, receive Holy Communion, replace your mask, and follow the floor directions to exit the building.
8. Everyone maintains social distancing as they exit. Everyone exits the building via the church hall. The ramp will be used for handicap individuals only.
9. **No one is to remain in the church before or after receiving the Eucharist.** You are, however, encouraged to take a moment for a **prayer of Thanksgiving** upon returning to your car.
10. An offering basket will be available to place your weekly offerings in.

****For those with mobility issues:***

The Handicap ramp will only be used by those with mobility issues and who cannot use steps. This will serve as an entrance and exit for those with mobility issues.

Please refer back to this information page often. This is all new, and ever changing. Once we have experienced this opportunity to share in Holy Communion again, directions and procedures may change in response to any concerns or problems that could arise.