

# INSTRUCTIONS WHEN ATTENDING HOLY MASS

Our Parish is strictly following these **COVID-19** protocols for the safety of all parishioners and visitors. During this **COVID-19** pandemic, the Archdioceses and the New All Saints church may modify the safety plan for **COVID** to protect the church community and the surrounding communities. These actions attempt to assist in slowing the spread of this deadly virus as advised by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (**CDC**), infectious disease experts, and the Mayor of Baltimore.

Per Baltimore City issued-guidelines, attendance at church services is limited to 50% of the seating capacity; we can accommodate 152 worshippers.

Thank you, and God Bless you. We look forward to worshipping with you.

## 1. HEALTH CONCERNS OR CHECK YOUR HEALTH CONDITION:

- If you have any preexisting conditions/high-risk health issues, avoid coming to church due to potential exposure to **COVID-19**.
- If you have symptoms or are currently having symptoms of **COVID-19**, we recommend checking with your doctor or taking advantage of free community testing, etc., for **COVID-19**.
- If you have a fever, are sick, or suspect that you may have been exposed to a contagious illness, we recommend that you refrain from attending Mass.
- If you are waiting for **COVID-19** or any contagious illness test results, we recommend that you not attend Mass until cleared by your medical professional.

## 2. INSTRUCTIONS WHEN ATTENDING MASS AND WORSHIP:

- All persons aged two years and older must always wear masks over the nose and mouth when attending Mass. This instruction is the requirement of the Archdiocese of Baltimore and the State of Maryland.
- Please use hand sanitizer upon entering the church (located at all entrances).
- All open seating is marked to maintain a safe, six-foot distance.
- All families in the same household may sit together.
- While we are happy to see others, greet each other with words and a wave. No physical contact will occur during Mass (holding hands during the Lord's Prayer, the sign of peace handshakes, or hugs).
- Printed material, such as Hymnbooks, bulletins, flyers, are not available to reduce the risk of exposure to **COVID-19**.
- According to the Archdiocese of Baltimore directive, there is no congregational singing. The **CDC** state that congregational singing puts many droplets in the air and could create a highly contagious environment.

- **COMMUNION PROCESSION:** You must follow the ushers' instructions when receiving communion. Please maintain the social distancing of 6-feet from another person by following the floor markings and the one-direction procession.
- For the safety of all, Holy Communion will be distributed initially in hand only.
- **CHURCH OFFERING: We request that all offertory envelopes are deposited in designated receptacles at the front vestibule and toward the church building's rear as you leave the church after Mass.**
  1. **DROP-OFF** your church offerings to the church rectory by hand (4408 Liberty Heights Ave.), any day or time of the week. Drop your offering into the side door mail slot of the rectory. (Use the door facing the church building; look for the handrails).
  2. **SEND** tithes via the US Postal Service to the Church Office address listed above.
  3. **Make your offertory contributions ONLINE.**  
Go to: [www.archbalt.org/giving](http://www.archbalt.org/giving).
    - A. Go to the "GIVING TAB." Click on "**DONATE.**"
    - B. Select: "**NAS (1208)**" as the Parish you want to support.
    - C. Complete the "myparish" offering information.
    - D. Please remember to include your envelope # for proper credit. You will need your bank or credit card account information.
    - E. Submit your offering.
    - F. Print a copy for your records. *Thank you.*

**If you have paid your offering online to Baltimore's Archdiocese, please know that NAS has received your offering.** A list is sent to each Parish for recording your offerings from the Archdiocese. It is important that you select the correct Parish and your envelope number for correct processing. *We sincerely thank you for your continued support.*

### 3. DISMISSAL PROTOCOL:

- Maintain social distancing by following the floor markings and the one-direction procession.
- Exit from the rear of your seating section.
- Please avoid lingering and greeting others, exit the church and church grounds in a timely manner.

### 4. ATTENDING MASS AT HOME:

- Archbishop Lori has extended the dispensation from the obligation to attend.
- Worship with New All Saints online (**recorded weekly liturgy and reflection**).