



## DIOCESE OF BELLEVILLE

### PHASE 5 UPDATED MASS AND LITURGY GUIDELINES

#### CHURCH CAPACITY

- Churches can resume to 100% capacity.

#### MASKS/FACE COVERINGS

- Vaccinated individuals are not required to wear masks unless they feel more comfortable doing so.
- Unvaccinated individuals should wear a mask and maintain social distancing.

#### HOLY WATER

Baptismal fonts and holy water stoops may be filled and used.

#### DISPENSATION FROM SUNDAY OBLIGATION

- Worshipers are to be reminded that if they are experiencing symptoms or feel ill, they should stay home from Mass—even after the obligation is reinstated.

#### HYMNALS

The use of hymnals and missalettes may resume.

### CELEBRATION OF THE LITURGY

#### Liturgical Ministers

Liturgical ministers may resume full participation in Mass and the liturgies regardless of age.

##### Servers

- Servers should wear masks if not vaccinated. However, this will be based on the honor system.
- Prior to preparing the altar, servers should sanitize their hands.
- Albs are optional. Nice clothing and shoes could be worn.

##### Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion are required to wear masks during the distribution of the Eucharist.

#### Offertory/Collection

- It is recommended that the gifts of bread and wine be placed on a tray rather than carried up individually. If it is your parish's custom to carry forward the monetary donations, that may continue.

#### Sign of Peace

- At this time, instead of shaking hands it is highly recommended worshipers continue to offer the sign of peace with a bow, wave, smile or other appropriate gesture.

#### Holy Communion

- Holy Communion will remain **ONLY** under the form of the consecrated HOST for

the foreseeable future.

- Priests, deacons and extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion are required to wear masks during the distribution of the Eucharist (even if they do not wear masks throughout the rest of the celebration).
- Communicants should continue to sanitize their hands right before receiving Communion.
- Communion on the tongue will be permitted, but those wishing to receive in this manner should present themselves at the end of the Communion procession.
- After the distribution of Holy Communion, the priest, deacon, and extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion should disinfect their hands.

## **SACRAMENTS**

### **Baptism and Anointing of the Sick**

- It is recommended that masks be worn by the priest or deacon during the celebration of Baptism. Likewise, a mask should be worn by the priest during the Anointing of the Sick.

### **Reconciliation**

Face-to-face reconciliation may resume. Priests are highly encouraged to wear masks.

## **POST-CELEBRATION OF MASS AND LITURGIES**

### **Sanitizing/Disinfecting**

Parishes should continue to clean and disinfect pews and other high traffic areas of the church.

## **OTHER**

### **Funeral Lunches, Meetings, Social Events, Parish Festivals/Picnics**

- Any food should be served in ways requiring the least amount of contact as possible. Buffet-style and potluck meals are discouraged.
- Staff and volunteers serving food are highly encouraged to wear masks and gloves.

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