REOPENING PROCEDURES

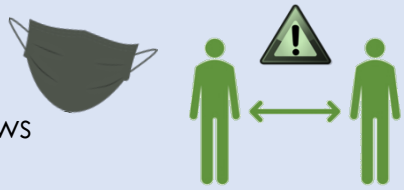
Cardinal Tobin *and the* ***Archdiocese of Newark*** *have announced a Three-Phase Plan to begin the gradual process for the reopening of Churches and our liturgical life. This plan has been implemented by our leadership team at St. Thomas More and is reflected in these guidelines.*

Beginning Monday, May 18th, St. Thomas More Church will be open for **silent, private prayer** on this schedule:

Monday through Friday
8:30 AM until 10:30 AM

All who enter the Church for prayer or Confession must take note that:

- Wearing **masks** and practicing **6' social distancing** (between households) is **mandatory**
- **Sanitizers or wipes** will be available, but all are encouraged to **bring their own**
- You will be **greeted** and **seated** by our staff and ushers
- **Posted guidelines and procedures** must be observed
- **Public restrooms** will remain **closed**
- All **trash and personal belongings** must be removed from the pews
- The Church will be **cleaned** and **disinfected** each day



Even with best health practices and strict social distancing, anyone who enters a public space would recognize there is a risk of contracting the Coronavirus. Improved cleaning will occur at STM, but **no one should expect they will be any safer from germs than in other public spaces**.

THESE GUIDELINES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE. PLEASE STAY TUNED FOR THE LATEST PROTOCOLS.

The ***General Dispensation Cardinal Tobin for all the faithful continues****. All are dispensed from Sunday Obligation and "Easter Duty" to receive the Holy Eucharist. Thus,* ***live-streaming*** *efforts will* ***continue until further notice****. You can visit www.STMChurch.net for the latest schedule.*

Please remain home if…

- You **show symptoms** of COVID-19 or **have been exposed** to another infected person (for 14 days as per national, state, and local directives)
- You are **at-risk** due to **underlying health issues**
- You are **sick** or have a sick family member at home
- You are **unwilling** to wear a **mask** or practice **6' social distancing**

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