

Returning to Our *Downtown Catholic* Parishes

Cathedral of Saint Peter • Saint Mary of the Immaculate Conception • Saint Patrick

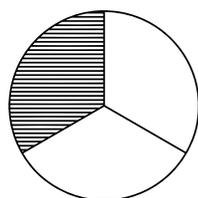


The dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass remains in place. We will continue to live-stream Masses at [YouTube.com/DowntownCatholic](https://www.youtube.com/DowntownCatholic)

Parishioners who are particularly vulnerable (e.g. over the age of sixty or with existing heart or lung conditions, diabetes, or otherwise immuno-compromised) are **STRONGLY ENCOURAGED**, for their own health, to avoid the risk of attending public celebrations of the Church until all restrictions have been lifted.

Those who are symptomatic or who have been exposed to the virus within 14 days are not permitted to enter the church. All attendees are asked to check their temperature at home before coming to church. Likewise, anyone with a persistent cough or who otherwise does not feel well should not come to church.

Individuals are the primary protectors of their own health; there is always risk coming into public spaces. Coming into an open church building carries that same risk. Individuals assume that risk for themselves in these circumstances.



Attendance at any liturgy or event in the church is limited to one-third of normal capacity: Cathedral, 140; Saint Mary, 33; Saint Patrick, 73. These numbers include the priest and any staff or those who assist with the live-streams.

For Sunday Masses, you will have to sign up in order to attend. This will be handled through the *Sign Up Genius* link available at both [cathedralofstpeter.com](https://www.cathedralofstpeter.com) and [smsp-wilmington.com](https://www.smsp-wilmington.com); if you do not have internet access, you can call **Dian O'Leary** at (302) 545-2934 who will sign you up. **Only those who sign up will be able to attend Sunday Mass during the time of limited occupancy.**

Individuals age thirteen and up are required to wear a cloth face covering to enter and remain inside. (A cloth face covering is recommended but not required for children ages 2–12. It is not recommended that children under 2 wear a mask.)

If you do not have a mask, one will be available for you, but please bring your own, if at all possible. We have a limited number for distribution.

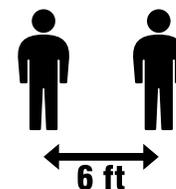


All members of the assembly are to sanitize their hands upon entering the church.

The priests will use hand sanitizer before distributing Holy Communion and anytime they have may have inadvertently touched someone's hand or tongue.

Gatherings before and after celebrations are prohibited. Members of the same household may be together, but there should be at least 6 feet of separation otherwise.

Upon entry, **an usher will direct you to a pew** so that we maximize the amount of seating. You may not be able to sit in your normal pew.





Pews and other surfaces in the church have been thoroughly disinfected and will be sanitized again after each time the church is used. Some pews will be closed to assist in preserving six-foot physical spacing.

While the bathrooms are available during this time, please try to use the facilities at home before leaving for church as they have to be sanitized after each individual use.

All hymnals and missalettes have been removed from the pews and stored for the duration of the pandemic. No other materials may be left in the pews.

The use of choirs is omitted during the pandemic.



Immediately after consuming Holy Communion, the Priest will disinfect his hands. Priests will wear face masks for the distribution of Communion.

Those who will not receive communion should not come forward with hands crossed for a blessing. Children who will not receive communion but who are old enough to remain quietly in their pew should do so and not get in the line for Communion.

When you approach for Communion, please remain six feet from others in the line and from the minister. When it is your time to receive, keep your mask on and remain six feet away from the minister while he shows the Host and says, The Body of Christ. After you respond, Amen, approach the minister.

Receive the Host in your hand, then step six feet to the side, away from the minister. Then loosen your facial covering, consume the Host, and replace the facial covering.

Communicants always have the right to receive on tongue. However, people are strongly encouraged to receive on the hand. If communicants choose to receive on the tongue, they should wait and come forward at the end of the line.

SCHEDULED MASSES

Please reserve your seats for Saturday evening and Sunday Masses while we are operating at limited occupancy by visiting cathedralofstpeter.com or smspwilmington.com or by calling Dian O'Leary at (302) 545-2934.

Saint Patrick

Sunday: *8 am, *11 am, 5 pm
Monday & Wednesdays: *5:30 pm
Tuesday & Thursday: 5:30 pm
Saturday: 4 pm

Cathedral of Saint Peter

Sunday: 9:30 am
Monday-Friday: 12:10 pm
Saturday: 4 pm

Saint Mary

Sunday: 8 am

** Mass offered in Latin*

CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Saint Patrick

Monday-Thursday
4-5:15 pm
Room off of elevator 2nd-floor landing

Cathedral of Saint Peter

Monday, Wednesday, & Friday
11 am-12 noon
Saint Michael Chapel