

Our Lady of the Assumption Parish

Guidelines and Procedures during the Corona Virus Pandemic

Dear Parishioners,

During this time of concern for everyone's health we will be following the directives set by the Diocese of Albany and both the Federal and State Government as pertains to church attendance, activities and norms. We ask you to first to care for your own personal health. In these situations, such as the Corona Virus, the obligation to attend mass is lifted. Bishop Scharfenberger announced this on Friday.

https://www.rcda.org/application/files/1215/8411/7500/Coronavirus_Guidelines_UPDATED_200313.pdf

Masses We will continue to maintain our present Mass schedule until notified that liturgies are to be cancelled. To accommodate the size of the congregation, LaSalle Hall will be set up with chairs and the mass can be viewed on the large screen. We will have Eucharistic Ministers in the hall for the distribution of Holy Communion.

EUCCHARIST IS TO BE RECEIVED IN THE HAND ONLY. BOW AS A SIGN OF PEACE / NO HOLY WATER

Stations of the Cross We will continue to pray the Stations on the Fridays of Lent at 12:00 Noon but we will not be hosting the soup luncheons.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Adoration will continue on the Fridays of Lent in Church from 5:00 – 6:00 PM

Faith Formation / Religious Education Sessions

Elementary Faith Formation (grades 1-5) Sunday classes are cancelled for the remainder of the academic year. Families will receive notices from Mrs. Kristi Pegarella regarding registration for the coming year.

First Eucharist Families We will be in contact with you regarding preparation for the sacrament after Easter.

Middle Level Faith Formation (grades 6,7,8) Tuesday evening classes are finished for this academic year. Families will receive notices from the Faith Formation Office regarding next year's registration.

High School Level Faith Formation

9th Grade Monday evening classes are ended for the year.

10th Grade Confirmation Candidates and families you will be notified by Mrs. Gavin regarding Monday evening sessions. We are waiting for information from the Bishop's Office concerning celebrations of the sacrament.

Pastoral Care / Parish Nurse

We will no longer be visiting the hospitals, nursing homes or shut-ins until further notice. This is to prevent the further spread of germs. The health facilities are not allowing outside visitors. We respect their guidelines.

However, during this time we will continue to stay in contact by phone. If anyone's health condition changes, please contact the office. Please contact the Parish Office if there are any emergencies.

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Prayer & Petition Let us pray and ask the Lord to bring healing to the whole world community.