

From the Pastor's Desk



Dear Parishioners,

The Next Chapter in Coronaland ...

We crossed another threshold last weekend with the distribution of Communion in the parking lot. We had a total of 237 parishioners who came and received the Lord on the Feast of Corpus Christi. We will continue to provide this opportunity as well as the Mass streamed on YouTube. Please be patient as we work out a system to invite you back to church. The 25% capacity limit allows us about 80 people in the church at one time. Keep in mind, that once the church is used for a service we have to wait 3 hours, because the virus can be in the air for that length of time. Then the church must be sanitized and that takes about 2 ½ hours. (yes, we timed it.) For now, I can foresee only one Mass on a Sunday morning. The streaming Mass on Saturday at 4:30 p.m. allows us to have music and singing and a more complete celebration of the Eucharist. Please continue to view Mass on YouTube and join us for Communion – Saturdays at 6:00 p.m. or Sundays at 10:00 a.m.

Parish Grounds Clean Up

Last Saturday members of the Parish Council and other volunteers came together to trim, mow, rake, prune and sweep the parish grounds. They did an awesome job. Thank you to all who participated.

Corpus Christi was celebrated with Adoration and Benediction in the parking lot. The Monstrance was located in the Gathering Space Entryway. It was a beautiful June day to come and spend some time in prayer and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. (see pictures provided by Pam Austin)

Father's Day

We congratulate all our Fathers this weekend and ask God's continued blessings upon you. May you know of our gratitude for all you do for your families.

St. Joseph watch over all our dads.

Blessings, Fr. Burke

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

When you are watching Mass on television or on line, you can always make a "Spiritual Communion" at the time when the priest is receiving using these words: ***"Lord Jesus come to me and enter my mind, heart and soul. Fill me with your divine presence and never let me be parted from you. Amen."***

RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION DURING COVID-19

Our Lady of the Assumption, Latham, NY
Holy Communion will be distributed
in the Parking Lot.

Saturdays at 6:00 p.m.

Sundays at 10:00 a.m.

Brief Theology of Eucharist

Since the Eucharist is the center of our Catholic life, we ask you to reverently participate in the Sunday Liturgy as best you can at this time. We ask you to view Mass on-line and then come to receive Eucharist. This permission is granted so that the Faithful may be connected to the Body of Christ. The communion procession is an integral part of the Sacred Liturgy and we want to preserve the dignity and sanctity of this moment as we meet the health demands of the Covid-19 pandemic. You will be directed to proceed out of the parking lot after you receive the Eucharist; please take a moment in prayerful thanksgiving when you reach your destination.

At the appointed time for the distribution of Holy Communion, a procession of ministers will come from the Gathering Space entryway and take their places at the designated stations marked out on the sidewalk. There will be painted circles on the pavement where you will stand. Each station will have three persons: Director, Hand Sanitizer and Eucharistic Minister.

TWO METHODS to RECEIVE COMMUNION DRIVE THROUGH or WALK-UP

Please read these directions so that you are familiar with the process.

- **You will need a mask, a pen or pencil, personal hand sanitizer.**
- **All Communicants must fill out and sign the Covid-19 health declaration. These will be collected by the attendant, and held by the Church for tracking purposes.**
- **An Offertory box will be available for your church envelopes/contributions.**

Please follow the directions on all signs. Our volunteers are trained to assist you. They are using the guidelines we are required to follow. Please respect them and thank them for their service to the parish.

Above all, our safety and health concerns are our goal as you come to receive the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament,
Fr. Burke

DRIVE THROUGH COMMUNION

Option for: Handicapped / Elderly only

You must follow the flow of traffic, as directed by attendants, going around the circle to the front door, lower your windows, remain in your car.

You must wear your own mask!

OLA will not be providing masks.

When you reach the communion station **put the car in PARK.**

Keep your mask on over your mouth and nose!

An Attendant will take your Covid-19 slip.

An attendant will offer you sanitizer to cleanse your hands.

Extend your hands out to the Eucharistic Minister (driver side, front passenger side, two rear windows). *Maximum 4 persons per car.* Eucharistic ministers will be on each side of the car to distribute the host.

Eucharistic Ministers are required to wear a mask.

The host will be placed in your hand. Body of Christ – Amen.

Do not remove your mask until the Eucharistic Minister has stepped away from your vehicle. Once all passengers have taken the host, you may lower your mask to receive.

Proceed out of the parking lot as directed by the attendant. Please offer a prayer of thanksgiving once you return home.

WALK-UP HOLY COMMUNION

Park your vehicle in the lot as directed by the attendants. Keep the 6 ft. social distance spaces as marked when you approach the Communion Station.

You must wear your own mask!

OLA will not be providing masks.

When you reach the Communion Station, an attendant will take your Covid-19 slip. An Offertory Box will also be available for your church support.

You will be directed to step forward to the hand sanitizer station where the attendant wearing mask and gloves will pump sanitizer into your hands.

Approach the Eucharistic Minister (**required to wear a mask**), extend your hands to receive. Body of Christ – Amen.

Do not lower your mask!

Receive the Host in your hands,
then turn and walk away,

then lower your mask and receive the host.

Please do not socialize with others during this time, but return to your car and leave the parking lot. Please offer a prayer of thanksgiving once you return home.

Covid-19
Screening/Tracing Slip

OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION, LATHAM, NY

Date _____

I agree that I have participated via online Mass.

I agree

First Name _____

Last Name _____

Email _____

Phone Number _____

Please list all members of your Family receiving Eucharist:

Have you, or anyone listed above, traveled to countries outside the United States, visited New York City and/or Westchester County or been in close contact with anyone who has traveled to those areas within the last 14 days?

Yes No

Have you had close contact with or cared for someone diagnosed with COVID-19 within the last 14 days?

Yes No

Have you experienced any cold or flu-like symptoms in the last 14 days (fever, cough, shortness of breath or other respiratory problem)?

Yes No

Parishioners answering yes to any of the above questions will not be permitted to receive Holy Eucharist.

By checking this box, I acknowledge, that this information is accurate and completed by me, person named above.

Yes