



## Saint Ann Catholic Church

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# Updated Guidance Related to Covid-19

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As the effects of the COVID virus pandemic continue to be experienced, Saint Ann Church remains committed to maintaining a safe environment for the health and well-being of all parishioners, guests, visitors, and our local community. We are happy to continue offering our ministries and sustaining our operations, and we take this moment to share an update message about our guidelines and practices.

### Basic Information

- Hand sanitizer is available as you enter the church, the Parish Office, and the Manalis Center - please use upon entering the facilities.
- Cleaning materials and supplies are available throughout the campus.
- The church will once again be treated by Vytis Shield with a disinfecting process that will remain effective for another year.
- The Parish Center and Manalis Center continue to be used for meetings and functions. All who use these rooms will be asked to disinfect the surfaces utilized with the spray provided after each use.
- All are asked to monitor their personal health and if not feeling well and/or experiencing symptoms of illness to please remain at home.

### Guidelines

- Mass
  - All are asked to wear a mask at church, from arrival through departure, whether one has been vaccinated or not; masks are available at the church entrances.
  - All are asked to please refrain from congregational singing at this time.
  - All are asked to be attentive in trying to keep at least 3 feet of physical distance between non-familial groups as best as possible.
- Faith Formation/Youth Ministry/Sacrament Programs
  - For gatherings *inside* parish facilities, all are asked to follow the same masking guidelines as when attending Mass.
  - All are asked to be attentive in trying to keep at least 3 feet of physical distance between non-familial groups as best as possible, whether inside or outside.
  - For gatherings outside, the wearing of a mask is up to the individual.

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- Other programs and groups that utilize rooms within the St. Ann campus
  - Generally, the same guidelines for attending Mass apply for attending functions *inside* campus buildings.
  - All are asked to be attentive in trying to keep at least 3 feet of physical distance between non-familial groups as best as possible, whether inside or outside.
  - For gatherings outside, the wearing of a mask is up to the individual.
  
- Nursery
  - At the present time, the Nursery will not be available for use during Mass. We will continue to monitor the health environment and will look forward to resuming the Nursery as soon as it is safe to do so.
  
- Parish Office
  - All who visit the Parish Office are asked to wear a mask while conducting their business with our staff.

*If you exhibit symptoms of fever, chills, cough, difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, and/or diarrhea – please remain at home.*

Thank you for your patience, understanding, and cooperation in helping us in our efforts to protect each other, especially those who are particularly vulnerable and at greatest risk from the potentially serious and harmful effects of the virus, by remaining disciplined and vigilant in our health and safety guidelines.

We will continue to monitor the health metrics of our region and will be attentive to recommendations and guidance that we receive from public health officials and the Archdiocese of Baltimore. We will also update the website and let you know about any new information or changes in practice as we move forward in our efforts to promote the health and safety of everyone!