

St. Clement's

Re-Opening Procedures

Parishioners should wash their hands before leaving home and bring their own personal bottle of hand sanitizer to mass for their personal use.

Parishioners should put their mask on before exiting their car.

Everyone will enter through the Parish center doors.

There will be temperature checks anyone above 100.4 will be asked to return to their homes.

The Government guidelines mandate St. Clement's records all that attend masses this will be done using a video camera; you will state your name and contact information. This will be erased after 14 days.

All persons will need to wear a mask throughout the mass and exiting of the church at the end of mass; we will have some on hand if someone has forgotten theirs at home.

If someone refuses to wear a mask we will kindly ask them to return to their homes.

Ushers will seat the parishioners; the church is set up in a grid that allows for 6' social distancing in all directions. Rope has been used to create the grid.

There will be no hand shake of peace only a wave and no hand holding during the Our Father.

Gifts will not be presented they will already be near the altar for Father to have easy access.

Collections will be done by using the stick baskets no pass baskets will be used.

There will be no Precious Blood distributed to congregation.

The Eucharist will be distributed in this manner; Father and the extraordinary ministers will bring the Eucharist to the pews. See photo

Ministers will use sanitizer after they receive and before they distribute the Eucharist. Ministers will have a mask when distributing and parishioners must not remove their mask until the minister has moved to the next pew then pull their mask down to consume.

After the final blessing parishioners will be instructed on how to exit the church in sections by the ushers. The wings will use their exit doors and the main body will use the Lake Ave exit. We will start from back to front. The seating capacity in the wings could allow for the front of the main seating area of the church to use the wing exit at the instruction of an usher.

Hand sanitizer is at all the exits of the church.

Signs will be posted that lead all parishioners to enter the parish center doors, this will also be communicated through email, Facebook and we will have an informative livestream demonstrating all of the procedures that will be in place.

Signs will be posted with the social distancing policies and the requirement to wear a mask while in the church and parish center at all times.

We must follow these procedures so we can gather for worship.

These procedures may change depending on the policies and procedures the Diocese of Albany and the State of New York mandate.