



## **GUIDELINES FOR USING PARISH CENTER ROOMS AND OUTSIDE AREAS**

For the safety of all our parishioners and visitors - please read and follow the instructions below, which have been developed in accordance with the NYS Department of Health, NYS Policies, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and Diocesan guidelines

- Please do not enter any parish building or attend any gathering on campus if you have fever, cough, or any other symptoms of an acute respiratory illness, or have been in direct contact with, or exposed to, anyone diagnosed with COVID-19. Please protect yourself and do not attend events on campus if you are at increased risk for severe illness due to age, pregnancy, or an underlying medical condition.
- Masks are now optional, but may continue to be worn at the discretion of the individual - the safety of others should always be considered when making this choice and mask usage is encouraged. A limited supply of masks will be available if needed though we encourage you to bring your own mask.
- Individuals from different households are encouraged to maintain reasonable separation and respect each other's personal space.
- Hand sanitizer will also be available at the building and room entrances. Please use hand sanitizer when entering and leaving the buildings. You are welcome to bring your own supply.
- When using these restrooms, wash hands with soap and warm water for at least 20 seconds.
- Congregating is best done in non-confined spaces and preferably outdoors.
- Groups on campus may resume consuming food and drink during meetings within the following parameters: insofar as possible, foods should be prepared ahead of time, communal meals should be served by a designated individual, and no sharing of utensils; while eating or drinking, please keep reasonable separation from other households; and as always, cleaning up is imperative out of respect for other groups that use the space.
- Prior to leaving the room, groups are responsible for ensuring all table tops and used counter surfaces are sanitized using the supplies provided. A tool kit box containing current protocols, sanitization supplies, etc. will be provided in each room.
- Reservations for rooms 106/107, 108, 110/111, the cafeteria, the gymnasium, and outdoor spaces will be made in advance with the Parish Rectory/Office at 688-9380. Use of space for activities is permitted for groups on a case-by-case basis, based upon the nature of the activity and the considerations specific to it. Please call the rectory ahead of time to discuss the use of space on campus.
- There may be additional restrictions based on government policies, school schedules, cleaning schedules, and capacity limits of each space in effect on the date of the event. Certain organizations may need to follow additional directives from their respective association.

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**\*\*Please note:** Guidelines regarding COVID safety practices are subject to change as new information becomes available from the various governmental agencies. St. Mary's will update COVID safety procedures as updated guidelines are issued

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