

## LOVE GOD, LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR, CHANGE THE WORLD

Dear Trinity Friends,

August 17, 2021

As many of you know, we have entered another phase of increased COVID cases, this time with the Delta variant. Though we have been through a couple of these waves before, this one seems to be different mostly because of the apparent increased transmissibility of the variant not just among unvaccinated but breakthroughs among the vaccinated as well. Wethersfield is one of the towns in the CT Health Departments's Red Zone. Due to the rising numbers and increased transmission rates, noting the concerns and suggestions of various health officials as well as many within the parish and greater church community, Fr. Tom, and the Wardens have consulted with each other regarding our response to this new reality. Considering the most vulnerable among us and with a desire to provide as safe an environment as possible for all who attend Trinity, **beginning this Sunday August 29th, we are strongly and urgently asking that EVERYONE (vaccinated or not) wear masks while inside Trinity during services.** If someone forgets a mask, one will be made available at church.

Since the Covid viruses are airborne, at this time we will return to **no indoor singing, even when masked.** We encourage you to reference the hymns so that you can read/pray/ponder the words. Again, please no singing.

We know that many of us are frustrated (for many reasons) that we have to make these changes. We seek your patience and understanding in the time to come as we wait to see what happens. Let us continue to pray together for our church, community, nation and the world as we move forward. Remembering especially those who are sick (or may become sick), have died, caregivers or been otherwise directly affected by all these events.

We will continue to evaluate conditions regarding mask recommendations and respond accordingly in the best interest of the parish community. Thank you for your attention and patience in the time to come.

Fr. Tom Furrer  
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