Hello St John Family & Friends,

As we look forward to Memorial Day and a new season in Ocean City, I am pleased to report we are also looking for a new beginning.

As you know the CDC has lifted mask restrictions for those that have been fully vaccinated. On Monday May 24th New Jersey Governor Murphy announced, “Effective Friday May 28th the Statewide Indoor Mask Mandate will be lifted”. In addition, effective the same day, New Jersey will lift the requirement for Maintaining six feet of Social Distance in indoor and outdoor settings. Effective Sunday, May 30, masks will no longer be required for in-person worship.

If you are uncomfortable not wearing a mask or if you have not been fully vaccinated, we encourage you to continue wearing your mask. We understand this is a very personal decision.

From the beginning St. John has made every attempt to follow the CDC and ELCA policies to safely reopen and worship in person and we will continue to follow the guidelines. In that spirit we will continue using the individual communion cups, leave the offering plate in the Narthex and refrain from singing a while longer. We all hope to return to these much honored traditions in our worship service soon.

We look forward to seeing your smiling faces and sharing God’s message and Peace.

Thank you,

Michael Kern, St. John Council President