

At the time of this writing, we are preparing to say farewell to Fr. Thomas Vathappallil M.C.B.S. He has been working with me as Associate Pastor and Parish Administrator for over 12 years. I want to thank him for his Ministry and friendship over all that time. We have been through much together, most notably our Parish Merger Process. The impact that he has had on all the people committed to our care is hard to put into words. So, we simply say, Thank You! God Bless you on your new adventure in Racine and Sturtevant! If you'd like to attend the celebration for Fr. Thomas, you can still sign up this weekend.

As we continue to re-open our Churches for Sunday Masses and some other limited celebrations, we want to share our guidelines for attendance, but first, a couple clarifications.

- The guidelines for the “Catholic Comeback” are issued by Archbishop ListECKI and the Chancery Office. While they share much in common, they **ARE NOT** the same as the municipal guidelines we are now experiencing.
- Archbishop ListECKI has extended the dispensation from attending Sunday Mass through Monday, September 6, 2020.

GUIDELINES

+Attendance is limited to no more than 25% of the church occupancy permit.

+To increase safety, we want to encourage you to wear a face mask. These are available at the entrances of the churches. Hand sanitizer is also available at the entrances and communion lines in each church.

+All those defined by the health department as more vulnerable (i.e., 60+ years of age, those with compromised immune systems, those with underlying health conditions, those who are especially anxious about being in a large group, etc.) are encouraged to stay home.

+Anyone with fever or flu-like symptoms should stay at home.

+Social distancing of a minimum of six feet between people not living in the same household must be followed. Please be respectful of the space of others. Our designated seating in each church is based on this guideline.

WEEKDAY MASSES With the departure of Fr. Thomas, a new weekday schedule will be partially implemented.

Monday and Wednesday morning mass will be celebrated at 8 AM.

When a final decision is made about their return, **Tuesday Mass will be with the school children @ 8:15 AM.**

Until the complete schedule is fully in place, Monday Mass will remain at the 106th Street site, and Wednesday Mass will remain at the 116th Street site. Unfortunately, we are unable to accept any more weekday Mass Offerings at the current time. We will let you know when we will begin accepting them once again.

Let us continue to work together as we move forward.

Gratefully in Christ, Fr. Jeff, and Fr. Thomas