

ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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**REGULATIONS FOR RE-ENTERING ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC**

August, 2020

Regulations for the Space and the Building

1. Masks will be required when in the church building. Please bring a mask for each member of your family attending church services.
2. Enter and exit only through the wooden double doors.
3. Pews will be marked off in the appropriate 6' increments of social distancing
4. Anyone who is feeling ill or is running a temperature of 100.4 or over should not be entering the building.
5. Access to the building will be limited to the hallways, bathrooms, and the church. Altar Guild will have access to Sacristy and Acolytes will have access to Vesting Room.
6. Physical/social distancing of individuals or family groups needs to be 6' feet or more.
7. If you find that anyone in your family becomes sick or comes in contact with the COVID-19 virus, please notify the Rector – 315-830-0026. A two-week quarantining will be necessary.
8. Doors (church, vesting room, sacristy, bathroom, and entrance) and handrails need to be wiped down/disinfected after each service.

Regulations for the Service

1. The Peace
 - a. We will greet one another with the Peace of God as we did on March 15, 2020 by expressing the Peace and then waving or clasping our own hands toward one another.
2. The Offertory
 - a. The offertory plates will be on the pedestal table in front of the first pew on the Gospel side of the Nave.
 - b. Please place your offering in the plate as you come forward for Holy Eucharist.
3. The Holy Eucharist
 - a. Ushers with face masks will indicate when you should leave your pew for receiving Communion as they did prior to March 22, 2020.
 - b. Come forward up the center aisle.

- c. There will be hand sanitizer in front of the first pews on both sides of the Nave
- d. Please follow the 6' foot markings on the floor as you come forward to receive.
- e. Communion will be received at the bottom of the Chancel steps. Only bread will be administered.
- f. To receive the bread or blessing use one of the following methods:
 - i. Receiving bread – make the shape of the cross with your hands, using one hand to support the other; with the palm open without fingers in the way. This posture of your hands keeps the wafer from slipping down between the hands to the floor and makes it easier for the bottom, supportive hand to then reach into the palm of the hand with the wafer. The shape our hands help us to remember that in receiving the bread of communion is receiving the fruit of the Cross.
 - ii. Please do not reach out to take the bread from the Celebrant.
 - iii. Receiving a blessing – cross arms across your chest as you normally would.
- g. Return to seat down the side aisles.

Regulations for After the Service

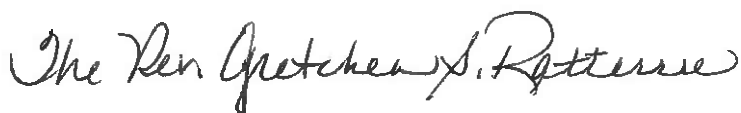
1. Exit the church through the double wooden doors.
2. There will be no coffee hour at this time.

Regulations for Church Meetings and Classes

1. All other church meetings and classes will follow the rules found in the first section of these regulations.
2. There will be no Sunday School for children at this time.
3. There will be no Children's Chat on the chancel steps at this time.

Many thanks for your support of St. Mark's and helping us keep the church a safe and healthy space for all who worship here.

Many blessings –



The Rev. Gretchen S. Ratterree, Rector