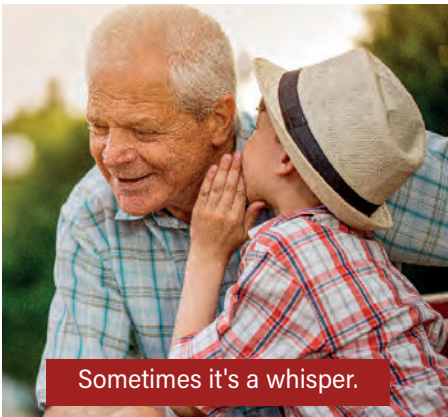






August 9, 2020



Sometimes it's a whisper.

Nineteenth Sunday Ordinary Time

This painting of Christ raising Peter from the water is striking for the strong diagonal line made by the arm of Jesus and Peter, locking their gaze and providing Peter with safety and rescue. Jesus extends his arm effortlessly and Peter seems reassured enough to depend on Jesus' arm almost like a handrail raising him from the turbulent waters. Jesus' countenance is serene and Peter, already experiencing the strength of Jesus guidance has an expression which is more pleading and astonished than terrified.

Jesus experienced the stormy waves himself, he didn't simply

toss a life-preserver into the sea from the relative safety of the boat. The storm surges all around Peter, Jesus and the boat with the frightened disciples, adding emphasis to Jesus' serene countenance.

How wonderful it would be to have Peter's confidence during all the doubt storms in our lives. This is the kind of reassurance we can experience by developing a close relationship with Christ and his church through frequent and reverent reception of the sacraments, especially the Eucharist. Storms will come, but we will have a sure lifeline through them all.

Holy Cross Church

Monday - Friday
8:30 AM until 4 PM
Sunday
10:00 AM - 11:30 AM

Weekday Mass

In Church Live Streaming
9:00 AM
(attendance limit 50)

Saturday Vigil Mass

In Church NO livestream
5:00 PM
(attendance limit 213)

Sunday Mass

In Church Live Streaming
10:30 AM Mass
(attendance limit 213)

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

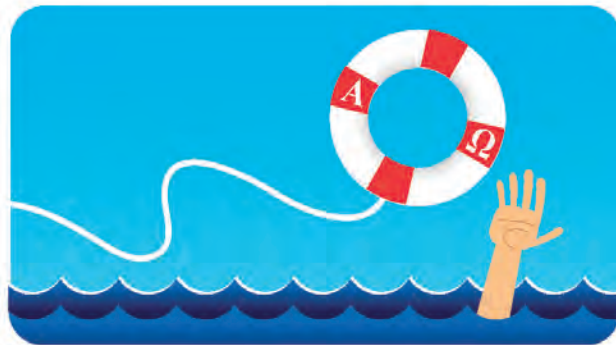
Wednesday 9:30 AM - Noon

Confessions

Friday 9:30 AM outdoors pergola

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Take courage, It is I. Do not be afraid.



From the Pastor

Dispensation from Attending Sunday Mass

Bishop O'Connell has extended the dispensation from attending Sunday Mass set to expire on September 7th until further notice. High risk individuals are still encouraged to view mass online.

New Wireless Microphones

The church has purchased and installed several new wireless microphones which comply with the newly issued regulations by the FCC. These replace the outdated frequencies which have been assigned to other uses by federal regulators. All the wired microphones and sound system remain the same, only the lapel microphones and hand held microphone are affected.

Sunday 8:00 AM Masses Resume September 13th

Fr. McGowan will be rejoining us on Sundays to celebrate the 8:00 AM mass. The first 8:00 AM mass will be the Solemnity of the Holy Cross on September 13th. At this time, the only mass with music planned will be the Sunday 10:30 AM masses.

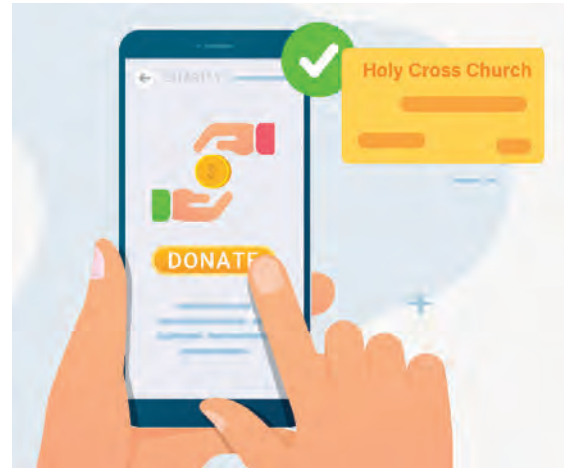
The weekend masses will thereafter be:

- Saturday 5:00 PM
- Sunday 8:00 AM; 10:30 AM

Further changes will depend on mass attendance and COVID restrictions.

Parish Offertory

Online Giving	\$ 4,395.00
5:00 PM	\$ 895.00
10:30 AM	\$ 2,571.00



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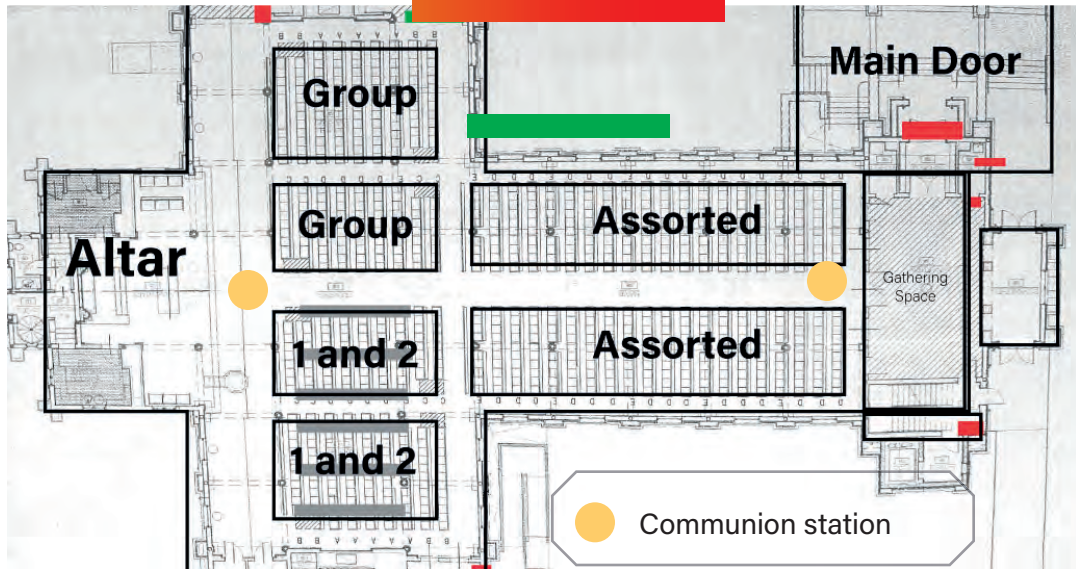


Anthony Lubrano
Rathjen & Ledva Families (Living)
Kelly & Alvarez Families (Living)

Helen Maresca
McCann Family
Family

Mass Intentions

8-Aug 5:00 PM	Antonio Malone	Patricia Kohl
8-Aug 5:00 PM	Adolph Siwulec	Family
9-Aug 10:30 AM	Lindsey Novinich	Teresa Connor
10-Aug 9:00 AM	Bridget Alma Gowen	Holy Cross Parish
11-Aug 9:00 AM	Kenneth Rathjen	McCann Family
12-Aug 9:00 AM	Bootie Clark	Eileen George
13-Aug 9:00 AM	Thomas J. McMahon	Mr & Mrs Gerard Kowalski
14-Aug 9:00 AM	John McLean	Mr & Mrs Martin McCann & Family
15-Aug 5:00 PM	Frank Monteforte	Velcamp Family
16-Aug 8:00 AM	William Gardella, Sr.	Tony Gardella
16-Aug 10:30 AM	Edward Plopes	Mr & Mrs Dennis Lynch



We've had splendid cooperation from everyone since the very beginning of the lockdown. Last week, however, there was an isolated person or two not wearing masks properly and one row with two families sitting nearly adjacent to each other.

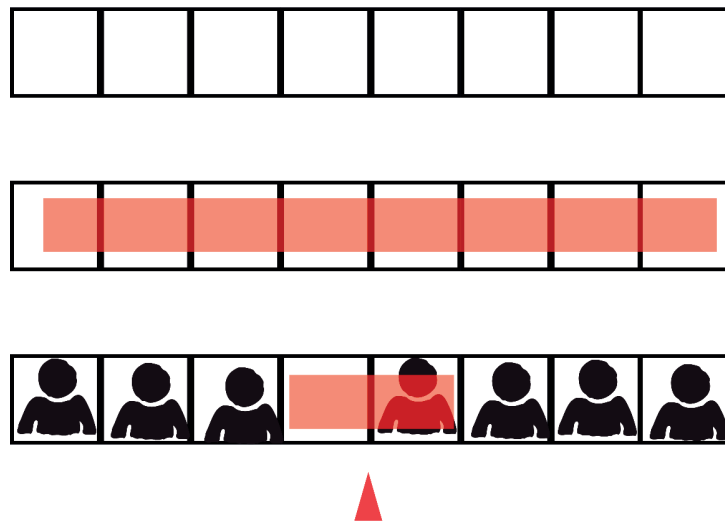
The important guidelines are:

Proper wearing of face mask (covering nose and mouth)

Social distancing inside and outside the church.

It's not our choice whether or not to enforce these regulations; they have been established by Bishop O'Connell in consultation with the governor. Sadly, there are no medical or psychological exemptions from wearing masks. Nor are we being asked to make a personal statement about their need or effectiveness. If you cannot wear a mask for the duration of the mass, please remain at home. The exemption from attending mass continues in our Diocese.

We've divided the church into seating sections according to family groups, individuals and couples. Two families of three or more in one row are usually too close. Please follow the directions of the ushers in this regard.



Too Close

- The bishop has asked us not to have congregational singing for the time being.
- Fr. Manning is honoring communion on the tongue for those who request it, but the diocese's guidelines ask that the priest purify his fingers after each such communicant. So please come at the end of the line if that is your preference to avoid delaying the flow of communicants.
- Please keep your receiving hand flattened as much as possible. This makes it easier to place the host in your palm without touching your fingers. Please do not grab or snatch the host.
- Ushers will guide or direct you to a seat. Please wait if they are already helping others.
- We cannot yet distribute bulletins at Mass.



**Flat, wide open hands show a receptive heart.
They also make distributing Eucharist safer.**



Let us pray that those who are still without power have it restored soon through the skill and dedication of knowledgeable workers. At one point 99% of Rumson was said to be without power. The church hasn't had sustained power outages, but it is assessing some of the damage from the brown outs and power surges which have accompanied the off/on electric service throughout the storm and in its wake. Some of the generators seem a bit confused and a circuit breaker or two have tripped. The computer equipment and phone system seem to have weathered the storm. Some tree limbs were lost on our trees, but no significant damage from falling branches or debris was sustained.

Bishop O'Connell's agreement with the governor's office on 30% church occupancy for weekend masses with no fixed lower limit has not changed, despite the governor's newly announced restrictions. Attendance caps on baptisms, funerals and wedding ceremonies still apply.



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