

Phase One Reopening Our Lady of Good Counsel Church

It is our hope, that all who intend to visit our Churches will abide by the guidelines listed that are in compliance with the Diocesan Task Force on Reopening.

First, what is “private prayer”? Private prayer means to pray alone. This is considered very important to Christians, as it is a time when they can personally connect with God. There will be no public Masses or other group liturgical/devotional celebrations until further notice. Praying the rosary, the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Stations of the Cross etc are not to be prayed together. You may pray these alone but not in a group in the Church. **During this COVID-19 crisis and until further notice, Holy Communion can only be distributed to the faithful as Viaticum for the dying in the Diocese of Trenton.**

- North Side (Elevator/Rectory Side) Doors are the only Doors that will be opened for entrance.
- Church open: Mon-Sat 9am-7:00pm, Sunday: 11:00am-7:00pm
- Hand Sanitizer will be Provided in Church, but Visitors are Encouraged to Bring their own Sanitizer and Wipes
- Mask are required
- Limited seating (in marked pews only-to help in the daily maintenance)
- All Bathrooms are Closed and off limits
- Barriers in place to restrict movement & contact
- No more than 10 people at a time CDC/NJ Gov. Regulations
- Social Distancing of 6 Feet required
- No Prayer Rail use at Statutes & all other objects all off limits, all worship aides, pamphlets, books and paper from church pews, vestibules, tables etc. have been removed. Please do not leave any material like this in the church. There will be no bulletins. You can read the news on our web page on the bulletin page.
- No Holy Water
- No Public Sacraments/Mass/Public Worship (church will be closed during live streaming of Masses)
- Private Prayer Only
- Restrictions will be in place to June 6th per NJ Governor, so far.

There are many precautions that must be considered in order to ensure the health and safety of the faithful as we reopen churches. It is our hope that we will all follow the guideline and encourage our fellow parishioners to do the same. We still have a long way to go but the “step by step” approach as mentioned will work to our advantage. We look forward to seeing you in the weeks ahead as we prepare for the next phases to fully have our people celebrate together.