

## St. Francis, Dunellen COVID Safety Protocols for On-site Worship July, 2021

Our Diocese has updated and eased COVID safety protocols. The St. Francis RRR Task Force and Vestry have made the following changes for parishioners who wish to worship on-site at St. Francis. These new procedures will begin this Sunday, July 4<sup>th</sup>.

- Pre-registration through the website or otherwise is no longer required. However, contact tracing information will still be collected when you enter the church.
- The use of masks and six foot social distancing are no longer required **for fully vaccinated individuals**. Proof of vaccination is only required for choir members and lectors if they wish to sing or read unmasked. **If you are not fully vaccinated, please wear a mask and maintain six foot social distance.**
- The sanitizing stations are still available and their use is encouraged but not required.
- There are no restrictions on where you may sit in the Sanctuary and all ropes, stickers and plastic cushions have been removed. **However, please be respectful of other congregants who may wish to still use a mask and maintain a six foot distance in the pews and in the building.**
- The prayer books and hymnals have been returned to the pews.
- Unmasked congregational singing is permitted for persons who are vaccinated. Those who are unvaccinated must remain masked.
- There are no special instructions for receiving Communion but we ask that you follow the instructions of the ushers as usual. There will still be no common cup.
- Please stay for lemonade and cookies in the Narthex after the service to mix and mingle with each other again. We are preparing to return to coffee hour in Milbank Hall in September. Those who are not fully vaccinated should continue to maintain physical distance from those outside their household, especially when their mask is removed to eat or drink.
- We will continue to have one worship service at 10:00 o'clock on Sunday and worship will continue to be livestreamed on Zoom and Facebook for the foreseeable future, should you choose not to worship on site.

We remain in a time of transition and some uncertainty. Individual needs, comfort level, concerns, and health will vary among us. For the sake of our common life, we are called to be respectful of one another's needs and choices. This is how we love another.

*"I give you a new commandment, that you love one another.  
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By this everyone will know that you are my disciples,  
if you have love for one another."*

*--John 13:34-35*