

What Parishioners Should Expect When Returning to St Ann Church

Continue to check the parish website <https://stannbb.org/> for regular updates and schedules.

Let us all remember to take responsibility and exercise the utmost care to protect ourselves and others. Be mindful that safeguarding our own and each other's health offers reverent service to God, for as Jesus says, whatever we do for the least of our brothers or sisters, we do for Him.

Coming into an open church building carries a risk to your health.

Individuals assume that risk for themselves.

Thank you for your patience and continued support of our parish.

General Information

1. The Bishop's general dispensation from the Sunday Mass obligation will remain in place until future notice.
2. You are **STRONGLY ENCOURAGED** to stay home if you are in a vulnerable category (i.e., 65 years and older, person who is immunocompromised, anyone who is ill, anyone who has been near someone who is ill, or suspects he or she is ill).
3. Please follow all directions of the parking attendants, door monitors and ushers.
4. Maintain proper social distancing of six feet from other individuals at all times.
5. All missalettes and hymnals have been removed from the pews.
6. Anything left in the pews will be discarded.
7. Any questions you may have about the church, processes, or any other topic should be directed to the church office.

Parking

1. Follow the direction of the parking attendants.

Entering the Church

1. Doors will open 30 minutes prior to Mass. Because everyone must be seated by one of the ushers, no one will be allowed to enter after Mass begins; the doors will be locked once mass begins.
2. The **only entrance** will be on the parking lot side closest to the St Joseph altar.
3. At OLG the **only entrance** will be the center front doors.
4. Maintain social distancing of 6 feet while waiting to enter the church.
5. Your temperature may be taken at the door prior to entering the church. If you are exhibiting any symptoms or have a fever of 100.4° or higher, you may not attend Mass.
6. Wear a mask at all times; your mask must cover both your mouth and your nose. We are presently unable to provide masks, so you must bring your own.
7. Use hand sanitizer at the entrance of the church.
8. Places marked with blue tape on pews indicate "**no seating**".

Seating

1. Touch as little as possible.
2. Do not leave your seat once you have been seated.

Music and Lectors

1. There will be only one (1) lector at each mass.
2. There will be only one (1) cantor and one (1) musical accompaniment at each mass.
3. For safety reasons, those in the congregation are asked to please not sing.

Offertory

1. There will be no presentation of gifts.
2. A collection basket will be located on the table as you enter each church.
3. Please continue to mail in your donations or sign up for online giving.

Communion

1. Communion will be distributed during mass, at the accustomed time immediately following the celebrant's reception of the sacrament.
2. Only priests will distribute Communion on the tongue. Please inform the usher and go to the end of the line.
3. Please follow the ushers' instructions, as to when it is the turn of your row to approach the minister to receive the Eucharist.
4. When it is your turn to receive, remain 6 ft from the minister. Keep your mask on while the minister shows you the Host and says, "The Body of Christ". After you respond "Amen" and only then, you may approach the minister.
5. Receive the Host in your hand, then step 6 ft to the side, away from the minister. There you will loosen your mask to consume the Host. Replace your mask immediately and return to your pew.

After Mass

1. The church will remain open until 11:00 AM during the week for private prayer after daily mass. Please observe social distancing guidelines during this time.
2. Please maintain social distancing in the parking lot.
3. The church will be disinfected before the next mass.

How to View Mass from your Home

1. **Live Stream:** Mass can be streamed at 10:30 am on Sunday and 8:30 am on weekdays on <https://stannbb.org/about-us/events/mass-schedule/>
2. **Facebook:** Stream on the "*The Parish of St. Ann Bethany Beach*" page <https://www.facebook.com/stannbb/>.
3. **EWTN:** Sunday Mass is available at 8:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. Access via cable, satellite, and online at ewtn.com/tv/watch-live.
4. **Relevant Radio:** Daily Mass is available at 1pm via 640 AM or <https://relevantradio.com/>
5. Additional mass venues are listed in the "Encounter God through Worship" section of the web site, at <https://stannbb.org/seeking-god/>