

In order to have a safe Reopening of St. Francis of Assisi Church during the Coronavirus pandemic, we must follow safety guidelines from the Diocese of Buffalo, CDC and NY State.

We realize that things will not be as they were before March but we trust that everyone will adapt to the changes. There are new rules for attending the mass. They are all important and must be followed to ensure everyone's safety. Signage and other reminders will be present to remind everyone of the "new normal". Realize this guidance is fluid and is subject to change. We will keep you updated as new guidance appears.

Weekend Mass times: Saturday 4:30PM Sunday 9:00AM and 11:30 AM (New time)

Please read the following carefully.

- You must be in good health and within the last 2 weeks have NOT...
 - Had a fever, sore throat, difficulty breathing or cough or traveled or been in contact with anyone who tested positive for COVID-19.
- Take your body temperature before Mass; if it is 100.4° F or higher-Stay Home.
- Masks must be worn by everyone over the age of 2 years.
 - The mask must stay on except for the brief time you consume the Body of Christ.
- Hand sanitizer will be available at the entrances and throughout the church. Please use upon entering. You may bring your own if you wish.
 - Hand washing area is found in the handicapped bathroom. (The bathroom by the side door will be closed.)
- Social distance of 6 feet between people must be followed when entering the church, sitting in the pews, going to Holy Communion and departing the church.
 - **Exception:** Families may sit together in one pew without social distancing.
- Pews will be roped off so there is 6 feet between rows. Maintain 6 foot distance between yourself and others in the pew, except for families.
- Worship Aids will be distributed for one time use. After Mass take the Worship Aid with you and dispose of it in the waste cans at the exits.
- Sign of Peace, there is no shaking of hands or hugging.
- Holy Communion:
 - Ushers will assist with Communion to ensure social distancing.
 - There will be one line in the center aisle to receive Holy Communion. Social distance (6 feet) must be maintained in the Holy Communion line.
 - The Celebrant will remain at the front and a Eucharist Minister will be in the center of the church to distribute Holy Communion.
 - Holy Communion must be received in the hand. The Celebrant or Eucharist Minister will place the host into your hand. No gloves can be worn to receive Holy Communion.
 - Return to your seat by the side aisles.
- Departure will be coordinated by the ushers and will start from the back of the church. Ushers will also coordinate departure from the front by the side door. Social distancing is necessary.
 - Bulletins will be distributed by the ushers after mass for you to take home with you.
 - Quickly and safely leave the church. Please, do not congregate.
- Other changes since March:
 - There are no hymnals or holy water.
 - Ushers will have expanded roles during Communion and dismissal from mass.
 - There is no singing except for the Organist, Musicians and Cantor.
 - Bulletins are distributed after mass and are also available on the parish website: www.stfrancistonawanda.org
 - There is NO congregating in the church aisles, vestibule or on the outside steps. (Must keep social distance of 6 feet).
 - The Crying Room is closed.
- Reconciliation will be held on Saturday at 3:00PM in the Sacristy of the Chapel. It will be face-to face and you must wear a mask and maintain social distance.
- The Chapel is open from 8:00AM to 8:00PM everyday for prayer and reflection.
 - Daily Mass is at 8:30AM (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday) and noon on Wednesday
 - Capacity is 50 people.
- Cleaning: The pews, bathrooms and all touchable surfaces, i.e. doorknobs, push plates will be cleaned and disinfected after every mass.

Thank you for your cooperation and patience during this time.