

RESUMING PUBLIC MASSES AT ST. ANTHONY ON SUNDAY AT 830AM, MAY 24-2020 FROM FATHER SCOTT'



St. Anthony Of Padua Parish
10 Summer Street, Cohasset, MA

Dear Members of Saint Anthony Parish,

In the ongoing pandemic, the priorities of our parish have been consistent: promoting the health, safety, and well-being of parishioners and staff and members of the community in which the parish exists, contributing to the effort to contain COVID-19 by following the directives of the Church, government, and public health officials, and providing opportunities and resources for you to remain connected to the parish and deepen your faith.

With the gradual and incremental resumption of public Masses, these priorities continue. After consulting with parish leadership (Pastoral Council, Finance Council, Staff), I have decided that there will be one public Mass at Saint Anthony Church this weekend: Sunday, May 24 @ 8:30 a.m. I have focused on one Mass to make sure that we have people, procedures and resources in place to make sure that we are supporting the health, safety, and well-being of all participants. If all goes well, we will add an additional Mass each weekend until we have reached our regular schedule. In addition, weekday Masses (M-W at 7:00 a.m.) will resume on Monday, May 25, Memorial Day.

- **Please stay home if you are feeling ill and/or are more vulnerable to the virus. The dispensation from the Sunday Mass obligation will continue for the foreseeable future. Cardinal Seán strongly encourages people in vulnerable populations, especially the elderly and those with complicating physical conditions, to continue to watch Mass from their homes, on their parish's social media or on CatholicTV. We will continue to use Facebook Live, while planning an exciting announcement on the future of the parish's use of livestreaming.**
- **You need to register ahead of time for the Sunday Mass so that we have strict control over occupancy and social distancing directives: <https://830ammassmay24.eventbrite.com/>. If you know someone who is without a computer, smart phone, internet access, or computer skills, please consider assisting them with registration.**
- You need to bring and wear a mask. (not for children under the age of two or those with health conditions that make it not possible, optional for children ages 2-5)

- Bring your own bottle of hand sanitizer if you can.
- In ordinary circumstances, please use only the handicap door entrance to enter and exit the church. This allows us to monitor the number of people in the church and minimizes the number of entrances and exits that need to be sanitized after Mass. Once inside, if an emergency exists that requires leaving the church, please use all available exits.
- Follow the one-way traffic patterns and other instructions in church.

What will look different to you as the celebration of public Masses resume?

- There will be no processions at the Masses, including no offertory processions.
- There will be no altar servers.
- There will be no choirs.
- There will be no congregational singing.
- Those serving in the sanctuary will be respecting social distancing, though not wearing masks except during the distribution of Holy Communion.
- There must be no passing of the basket for the offertory. Please register for electronic giving, mail in your offertory, or place your contribution in the one basket as you exit.
- During the consecration, hosts to be distributed will be placed on a second corporal to the side, so that they are not directly in front of the priest.
- There should be no holding of hands during the Our Father.
- There will be no invitation to participate in a sign of peace.
- For the distribution of Holy Communion:
 - There will be one communion station.
 - The communicants and the priest will wear masks.
 - Neither the priest nor the communicants should wear gloves during the distribution of Holy Communion.
 - Congregants who are not coming forward to receive Holy Communion or a blessing should still get out of their pews at the beginning, so that no one will have to climb over anyone else.
 - The priest will have a table next to him with hand sanitizer.
 - The priest will hold the consecrated host over the communicants' outstretched hands and place the host into their hands without touching their hands.
 - Communicants will receive the consecrated host in their hands, step to the side, lower their mask, consume the host, replace their mask, and return to their pew.
 - In the case of unintentional contact, the priest will sanitize his own hands immediately.
 - If the priest himself is a member of a vulnerable population, a deacon or a trained lay minister should distribute communion.
 - The people should return to their pews by a different route, to avoid contact with approaching people. Please follow the arrows showing how to return to the pews.

- You will be encouraged to leave the church within a couple of minutes of the end of the Mass. The priest or trained volunteers will direct row by row exiting.

I encourage you to be patient and cooperative as we gradually, incrementally, and safely resume the public celebration of Masses.

Our Lady of Perpetual help, pray for us!
Saint Anthony of Padua, pray for us!

Father Scott

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"Hold fast to the rudder of faith, that you may not be shaken by the heavy storms of this world." St. Ambrose