



**HOLY CROSS**

**ADDITIONAL  
PROTOCOLS  
FOR  
ATTENDING  
MASS**

Many are aware of the governor's recent modification to his safer-at-home order which mandates that all residents wear face coverings when in public AND not able to socially distance from others. While churches remain exempt from these orders, I am happy to modify our precautions here at Holy Cross to reasonably accommodate these new changes.

All of our precautions are in accordance with state, local, and diocesan recommendations.

Face coverings are now required at weekend Masses when entering and exiting the church.

Once a household group is in their pew and distanced from other household groups, it is not required to wear a face covering. Children who are not able to properly or consistently wear a mask are exempt. Any individual not wearing a face covering I will reasonably assume has a medical condition that prevents them from wearing a mask.

The narthex/foyer is now "closed." When entering and exiting the church, individuals must pass through the narthex without any unreasonable delay.

Social conversations may take place in the parking lot provided that individuals from different household groups either a) socially distance or b) wear face coverings. Any social group sharing fellowship should ensure that they are not blocking access to the doors of the church.

For your peace of mind, our ushers will be wearing masks before and after Mass, as well as when they assist families to find a pew. They always wash and/or sanitize their hands before handing out bulletins.

I am grateful for your cooperation to maintain a healthy and safe worship environment at Holy Cross. It is a good time to remind the parish that there is still no obligation to go to Mass. Let us continue to keep our shut-in and homebound parishioners in our prayers, many of whom are lonely and tired. As we live these times together, I continue to hold you in my prayers. We are united in every affliction when we give God the glory anyways.

In Christ,  
Fr. Carter