Dear Parishioners of St. James Parish

It is my great desire to return to public worship at St. James Church on the feast of Pentecost and we will do so on that feast of the Holy Spirit, but I wanted to highlight some guidelines that we will be following to ensure the physical safety and peace of mind for all parishioners of St. James Church. We are adhering to the directives of the Diocese of Providence and the directives of the State of Rhode Island.

* To assist in prayerful social distancing we have taped off every other pew. So a pew that is taped off is one that you should not enter. This is to give space and distance between the worshipers.

* The number of people that will be allowed to enter St. James Church for a mass has been set at 150 people.

* All parishioners will be required to enter St. James Church through the center front door. Parishioners may exit by any door but entrance is only by the center front door. We will have hand sanitizing dispensers at the vestibule of St. James Church for parishioners use. Parishioners may also use their own personal hand sanitizing solution, but all parishioners will be expected to sanitize their hands immediately upon entry to the St. James Church.

* Please remember that Bishop Tobin has continued to dispense everyone in the Diocese of Providence from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass and Holy Day Masses until further notice. So if you are hesitant due to underlying health conditions to attend or display any symptoms you should not attend the celebration of Mass at St. James.

* Parishioners will be required to wear a face mask for the duration of the celebration of Mass, with the exception of receiving Holy Communion.

* One of the differences that you will notice at this time of the COVID-19 pandemic is that hymnals, missalettes, bulletins and holy water have all been removed from the church.

* Please remember that we continue to live stream all our celebrations of Mass on the St. James Faith Formation Facebook page. Also keep in mind that it is not necessary to receive Holy Communion at every Mass. If you are concerned or apprehensive about receiving, then please enter into a ‘spiritual communion’ with the Lord.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Rev. Thomas J. Ferland
Pastor, St. James Church

Welcome back...
We are so happy to see you!

The celebration of public masses resumed the weekend of May 30-31, 2020

St. James Weekend Mass Times:
Saturday 4:00pm
Sunday 10:00am

*St. James Weekday Mass Times:
Tuesday and Thursday 8:30am

*Please note that the weekday mass has been changed to 8:30am.
The change is on a trial basis at this time.

Social distancing does not mean that we need to be spiritually apart...

Let's stay connected

Let's keep our parishioners connected especially during these uncertain times.

Make a phone call - Send a text
FaceTime - Have a Zoom meeting
Send a card or letter

Just reach out. Everyone needs to stay connected!

Welcome Back...

We will continue to carefully review directives as they are issued by the State and the Diocese of Providence as we move through the phases of reopening. In the meantime, please view the video from the Diocese, "Returning to Public Celebrations of Holy Mass in Your Parish", for a preview of what you can expect when public celebrations of the mass resume in the Diocese.

You can view the video at https://youtu.be/oTHmps83ue

Prayer for Healing from Coronavirus
Pope Francis

O Mary, you shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope.
We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick.
At the foot of the Cross you participated in Jesus’ pain, with steadfast faith.
You, Salvation of the Roman People, know what we need.
We are certain that you will provide, so that as you did at Cana of Galilee, joy and feasting might return after this moment of trial.
Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the Father’s will and to do what Jesus tells us: He who took our sufferings upon Himself, and bore our sorrows to bring us, through the Cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen.

We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God; Do not despise our pleas -- we who are put to the test -- and deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin.
Amen.

Live Streaming on facebook

We will also continue to live-stream these masses on our Facebook page.

The videos will be posted for later viewing at …

St. James Office of Faith Formation

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Saturday, July 11, 2020
Vigil Mass of The Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:00 p.m.  Armand Arcand
Requested by The L’Heureux Family

Sunday, July 12, 2020
The Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
10:00 a.m.  Pro Populo

Monday, July 13, 2020
St. Henry
7:30 a.m.  Mass at St. Ambrose

Tuesday, July 14, 2020
Our Lady of Mount Carmel
8:30 a.m.  Dr. Diane Dubois-Hall
Requested by Mom and Dad

Thursday, July 16, 2020
St. Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Wednesday, July 15, 2020
St. Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin

Tuesday, July 14, 2020
7:30 a.m.  Mass at St. Ambrose
10:00 a.m.

The Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Ps 94:5
Ps 102:13
Is 26:7, 8
Is 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23
Ps 50:10-11
Ps 10:1
Ps 102:13-14ab and 15, 16-18, 19-21;
Mt 11:28-30
Ps 48:3-4a, 5-6, 7-8;
Mt 10:34 — 11:1
Ps 7:1-9;
Ps 48:2-3a, 3b-4, 5-6, 7-8;
Mt 11:20-24
Ps 10:1-2, 3-4, 7-8, 14;
Mt 12:14-21
Ps 12:13-16; 19; Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16;
Rom 8:26-27; Mt 13:24-43 or 13:24-30
Ps 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8;
Is 38:16-21
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This is also a great time to consider On-Line Giving. Please visit our website and the link to sign up for On-Line Giving.

If you would like a missalette, please contact Robin at the St. James Parish Office at (401) 766-8061.

Please pray the following prayer of spiritual communion:

I embrace you as if you were already there
I love you above all things and I desire to receive you sacramentally, as well as many
Come at least spiritually into my heart.
And unite myself wholly to you.
My Jesus, I believe that you are present
In the Most Holy Sacrament of the Mass. These are only
Pray the Lord's Prayer.
Pray the following prayer of spiritual communion (see below).

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Close with the sign of the cross.

Prayer of Spiritual Communion

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Below are recommendations for how to make a ‘spiritual communion’ when unable to par-
ticipate in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. These are only
 Gather with others in your household and begin a time of prayer with the sign of the cross.
Take time to read and reflect upon the readings from Sunday Mass. The readings are available at usccb.org and a Sunday Gospel reflection can be found at the same website or during Lent at dioceseofprovidence.org
Share prayer intentions quietly or aloud.
Pray the Lord’s Prayer.

The church doors are open at St. James Church from 8:00am - 2:00pm daily for individual prayer.

Please remember to practice social distancing when you visit.

Weekly Collections
Week of July 5, 2020

Weekly Budget $ 2,441.00
On-Line Giving $ 1,032.50
Capital Improvement $ 57.00
Poor Box $ 63.00
Votive Candles $ 51.00

As always, thank you for your continued generosity during this difficult and challenging time! We depend solely upon your weekly support to meet our weekly parish expenses.

We encourage you to continue to mail in your budget envelopes and other special and second collection contributions during this time.

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Please contact Paul Adam with any questions or concerns regarding the Sacraments of First Penance and Reconciliation and First Holy Communion or the upcoming year.

Paul can be reached at: stjamesfaithformation@yahoo.com

Faith Formation

2020-2021

An email was recently sent to all faith formation families regarding the upcoming Faith Formation year and the Sacraments of First Penance and Reconciliation and First Holy Communion for those children who were in grade 2 this past year.

Kindly reply to the survey in the email so that we can determine the number of print/digital resources that we need to order for the upcoming year.

Registration forms for the 2020-2021 Faith Formation year were mailed to families.

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MOTHER OF HOPE CAMP IS OPEN!

The SUMMER CAMP PROGRAM at MOTHER OF HOPE CAMP (Mater Spei) is open! Families of Children ages 5-12 have a chance to choose DAILY and WEEKLY options now through August 14th.
Mother of Hope Camp, an agency of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Providence, is located on 126 acres of beautiful woodlands along Echo Lake in Chepachet, RI. MOH Camp’s caring and professional staff members engage campers in daily prayer, weekly Mass, as well as many CAMPER FAVORITE OUTDOOR EXPERIENCES such as swimming, hiking, arts & crafts, nature education, canoeing, sports, and more! SIBLING & MULTI WEEK DISCOUNTS AVAILABLE! SECURE, ONLINE REGISTRATION available at WWW.MOTHEROFHOPECAMP.COM
Call 401-668-3500 for information and follow Mother of Hope Camp on Facebook and Instagram! Live.Learn.Grow.

Praying Hands Ministry

Living Faith books are available for pick up in the Sacristy. If you are unable to pick-up your book, please contact the Parish Office and we will make arrangements to get the book to you. If you would like to join this most important ministry, please contact the

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Spiritual Communion Prayer

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love you above all things and I desire to receive you in my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace you as if you were already there
And unite myself wholly to you.
Never permit me to be separated from you.
Amen.
2. Access to Mass will be limited
In order to prevent risk of infection, attendance at Mass will be limited to a percentage of the church’s capacity as specified in the fire code. Some parishes will request a “reservation” or ticket system, or find ways to split up parishioners alphabetically in as equitable a manner as possible.

3. Hand hygiene and masks are key
Parishioners will be expected to sanitize their hands immediately upon entry to the church. Likewise, they must wear a mask at all times, with the exception of receiving Holy Communion.

4. Pews will be sectioned off
In order to maintain six feet distance between parishioners, parishes will mark off sections of pews where parishioners can safely sit.

5. Singing will be limited
Because of the risk of infection due to increased aerosolized particles, singing must be limited. Hymnals will be removed from churches.

6. Parishioners will receive Holy Communion in a safe manner
Parishioners will take off their masks to receive Holy Communion, but the priest or other minister may wear a mask when distributing Holy Communion. The priest or other minister will always sanitize his hands before this time, and whenever he accidentally comes into contact with a person. Parishioners are encouraged to receive Holy Communion on the hand; but another option would be to refrain from receiving Holy Communion and make an act of spiritual communion instead.

7. The church will be sanitized after every Mass
To ensure everyone’s safety, parish staff or volunteers will sanitize commonly touched surfaces and pews before and after every celebration of Mass.

8. Budget envelopes will be submitted prior to Mass or as you leave
Instead of “passing the basket,” a secure receptacle should be available so parishioners can drop off their budget envelopes before or after Mass.

9. Avoid personal contact with anyone
The sign of peace remains suspended; physical contact must be avoided at all costs.

10. Those who are sick must stay home
Anyone who has symptoms of any sickness (even mild symptoms) may not attend the public celebration of Mass.