

We are currently offering two weekend Masses: Saturdays at 4 PM, and Sundays, at 10 AM. We will do so under the health and safety directives established by federal, Massachusetts and Cambridge authorities. One of the primary directives is maintaining social distancing, which will limit the number of people who can safely be in the church at any one time. Here is the outline for you how St. Peter's will proceed with Mass during the pandemic.

WHO MAY ATTEND?

No one is currently obligated to attend Mass. Cardinal O'Malley continues to dispense unconditionally all Catholics in the archdiocese from their Sunday obligation.

You should stay home if:

- You feel sick, suspect you are sick, or have a family member at home who is sick;
- You have been in contact with a COVID-19 positive person and should be in self quarantine;
- You are in a vulnerable population as defined by the CDC ([click here to learn more](#));
- You are over 65 years of age, especially if you have pre-existing medical conditions;
- You are uncomfortable in any way about being with other people at Mass.

Your safety, health, and well-being are our top priorities. If you choose not to attend, please continue to enjoy the celebration of Mass on TV.

HOW TO ATTEND

We are not allowed to have more than 85 people in the church at any Mass. You must reserve a seat in advance in 1 of 3 ways:

- Using our online site: [CLICK HERE](#) or copy and paste <https://signup.com/go/iCscnWv>
- Emailing your request to office@saintpetercambridge.org
- Calling the Parish Office at 617-547-4235 x118. You may leave a message, with your phone number, and someone will return your call.

You may sign up for yourself and others if you and they are in the same household (no more than 6 in total).

BEFORE ARRIVING

Please wash your hands before leaving home.

Everyone is required to bring and wear a facial covering (mouth and nose), outside and inside the church.

Those who are medically exempt and children under the age of two do not have to wear a covering.

Please bring your own hand sanitizer.

The church will be thoroughly cleaned before and after each Mass.

Enter the church by the main entrance on Concord Avenue (the doors underneath the green canopy). All other doors will be locked (they will operate as emergency exits from the inside). The main entrance will open no earlier than 15 minutes before the start of Mass. If there is a line waiting to enter, please wear your facial covering and maintain social distancing of 6 feet between others. An usher will greet you, verify your reservation, offer you sanitizer, and then someone will direct or escort you to your seat. Unless directed otherwise, please sit only where there is a blue X in an open pew. Those living in the same household will be allowed to sit together.

The restrooms in the main church will be open.

DURING MASS

Our liturgy will look, sound, and feel different.

We will have instrumental music, but no singing by a cantor or the community.

Missalettes will not be available.

Communion hosts only will be distributed. Only Fr. Lenny and Deacon John will distribute communion.

At communion, you will be directed by an usher, by sections and pews, to approach the ministers while maintaining 6 feet of separation. We ask everyone to come forward at communion, even if you do not wish to receive, in order to avoid close contact by those re-entering pews.

You must continue to wear your facial covering as you approach the minister. Step forward, place your bare hands (no gloves) out in the proper position (palms up, one underneath the other), say "Amen," and the minister will carefully drop the host into your hand. You then step to the side, lower your covering, consume the host, replace your covering, and return to your pew.

DISMISSAL AND OFFERTORY

After the final blessing and dismissal, you will be directed by an usher, by sections and pews, to leave by the main entrance. A collection basket will be available as you exit. Thank you for your generous contribution.

Printed bulletins will not be available. You may read them on our web site.

Please do not stop and gather inside or outside the church at the conclusion of Mass. Again, please maintain social distancing outside.

THANKS FROM FR. LENNY

We have worked out procedures with the utmost of caution and safety in mind. Thank you for your cooperation. Only with your partnership can we maintain a safe and healthy atmosphere for prayer and worship. Also, please be aware that we will constantly be evaluating this approach and will make changes where necessary. For now, these won't be the liturgies we're used to, but they are the full Mass, with Christ present among us in the People of God, His Word, and His Body. That's something to celebrate! *Fr. Lenny*