



Sunday, June 20, Services
at 10:00am inside & in-person
The service will be live-streamed.

What Now?

Holy Trinity has weathered much over the past, including most recently two (coming up on three) clerical transitions and all the change brought by the Coronavirus pandemic. As we move to re-open, there are many things to know.

Of course we do not know if this will happen to us, we hope not— it is possible that some of our dear folks have found another church during the pandemic period; others may have found other things to do on Sundays. This breaks my heart.

The good news is that as of JULY 1: (For the specifics, see the re-entry guidance as published in this newsletter)

While encouraged, masks no longer need to be worn.

There are no capacity limitations.

We will still keep record of attendance as a precaution.

Communion will continue to be bread (host) only.

Social distancing is not required. Space will be designated for vulnerable populations.

Singing is encouraged.

The Peace is to be exchanged without touching

Office Hours return.

Building use returns

Coffee Hour may return (as soon as our undercroft is finished)

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All of this is now possible because more and more people have received the Covid vaccine, and therefore the infection and positivity rates have decreased. All of Michigan is in the Yellow or Green category. Thanks Be To God!

All of the above begins with our 10:00AM service on July 4. We cannot start any of this until then. That includes meetings of groups in the parish including the Vestry.

Thank you Maggie, Magnus, Genia, Kevin, Reed, Becky and our Lectors who have made it possible for us to put our services online. For a while, our services were made possible through Maggie or Genia's cell phone, using their cellular minutes. Wow! My thanks to our Vestry who made it possible for us to purchase the equipment necessary, and my personal appreciation for trusting me to get this job done.

What have you learned from the Covid experience?

Are you grateful, and I know that is a tough word to hear, for anything that may have brought you closer to God than before?

We should all pause in prayer for those whose lives ended due to the ravages of this horrible disease, over 600,000 people in our nation alone. We should also pause in prayer for the amazing talent of the scientists who brought forth vaccines that make it possible for us to live without being subject to the virus.

I am cautiously thankful for the ability to bring worship to people who cannot come to church and yet concerned that it may become an alternative to faithful in-person presence at the Lord's table. Putting oneself out for the Lord is not a bad discipline.

I am deeply thankful for the kind, deliberate and devoted lay and ordained leaders who steadfastly maintained a purposeful and faithful mission to keep our parishes and people safe. I know they received letters full of insulting and hateful words; yet they persevered in prayer putting our safety first.

I feel confident in what it means to follow the teachings of Jesus every day. Covid has damaged our world, but Covid has not damaged our faith. We are amazing people, and with faith in Christ a new day with new opportunities is dawning. Let us go forth in Love and embrace that new day in peace. +

Don+



July 18, 2021

Following the 10:00 A.M. service
in our Parking Lot
Details forthcoming!
Mark your calendars now!

Building Use Guidelines

Masks are encouraged indoors and are not required outdoors. Masks are especially encouraged for those who have not yet received their vaccination, when interacting with those who cannot yet be vaccinated (children, immunocompromised, etc.), and when distributing communion.

Events and in-person gatherings are permitted. We advise making every provision to avoid crowding.

In-person meetings are permitted. We advise considering how you might enable your high-risk members to join your gathering digitally.

Regular office operations are permitted. We advise considering how you might maintain flexibility for staff members that are high-risk or have children unable to attend school or access childcare.

Communal spaces must continue to be cleaned on a regular basis.

We advise maintaining a visitor log (including phone numbers and email addresses) for all who enter the building in the event that they may have come in contact with someone with the disease and reporting is required. To the extent possible, the log should be managed by a greeter or an office staff-person or volunteer or follow some other no-touch method.

Worship Guidelines

Worship gatherings of all sizes are permitted with the following guidelines:

- We advise considering maintaining an online/hybrid worship option for those that are high-risk and needing to maintain stay-home precautions.
- Physical distancing is not required. We advise avoiding crowding in the sanctuary and building to the extent possible. Consider offering multiple services to help people spread out.
- We advise continuing the use of no-touch alternatives for the passing of the peace.
- We advise continuing the use of no-touch alternatives for the offering.
- We advise setting aside special space within your worship area to be designated for people of vulnerable populations.

Eucharist is permitted in one kind using bread or wafers only. Clergy must wash their hands with soap and water before services and use hand sanitizer visibly before distributing communion. If a clergy person or parishioner feels sick or has any symptoms, they should remain at home.

Food may be prepared and served with the following guidelines:

- Congregations must make every provision to ensure adequate space to avoid crowding.
- A designated person must distribute any food or drink. Self-serve buffets are not permitted.

If you, or someone you love would like to receive Holy Communion at home, please contact Fr. Don. Home visitations have not been possible during the pandemic, but with the advent of vaccinations, this can be done. Please call the office, Fr. Don or send an email to make an appointment.

WE NEED YOUR HELP

Holy Trinity provides high-density live streaming of our Sunday services, and other events. At the moment, Maggie is our ONLY operator. A team of two-three is needed to operate the equipment. We need help! If you are willing to learn and help, please contact Fr. Don or Maggie as soon as you can.

Your Vestry

Kevin Murphy (23) Senior Warden
Genia LaNore (23) Junior Warden
Becky Wells Secretary/Clerk *
Brenda Amato (24) Treasurer

Nan Campau (22)
Troy Nelson (22)
Keith Kuzins (22)
Linda Kitsch (23)
Amanda Lustey (24)
Ron Stuitje (24)

* The secretary/clerk is a member of the Vestry without vote.

Office Hours:

*Tuesdays and Thursdays 11:00-2:00PM
Clergy available by appointment*

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Our Mission:
With God's help, we will
Seek Christ in all persons;
Serve others; and
Strive to be a vibrant, growing

CHEMO HAT MINISTRY

The hats made to be worn by those going through chemotherapy during the period when one's hair is depleted, were made by loving and devoted members of the Holy Trinity community.



The hats will be distributed to cancer centers and rehabilitation centers throughout the area.

Some hats will remain at Holy Trinity in case there is a need.

Shown in the picture is Fr. Don and a few of the members who made the hats.



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