

For Those Planning a Funeral Mass at Saint Catherine's Protocols for the Current Pandemic

We regret that due to the current health crisis the following restrictions and protocols apply to all funerals celebrated at Saint Catherine's:

- Church capacity is 150. If there is any chance of exceeding this number due to public interest, please invite family and friends privately and do not publish the Mass time in the obituary.
- Masks must be worn by all attendees.*
- Social distance of six feet must be maintained between members of different households both inside and outside of church. Please do not remove the ropes marking off pews.
- Use hand sanitizer before entering the church. Contactless dispensers are provided.
- Programs cannot be distributed. Missals have been removed from pews and congregational singing is discouraged.
- Saint Catherine's will provide an organist and a cantor (soloist). No additional musicians or guest soloists are allowed.
- Families can choose readings and music, but there can be no readers, gift bearers or Words of Remembrance (Eulogy).**
- If you would like to be notified if we learn of a COVID-19 case linked to Saint Catherine's, please email parish@stcatherinenorwood.org or call 781-762-6080 ext.110 and give your name, phone number and email (if applicable).

* Children ages two and under are exempt. For children ages three to five, masks are at the discretion of the parents.

** The Words of Remembrance can be offered at the graveside. If there is no burial or if the burial is private, the family can have the Words of Remembrance printed and left for people to take with them as they exit the church. The priest cannot read the Words of Remembrance.