



Saint Matthew's Church
Reopening Plan
June 2020

Dear Parish family:

It gives me great joy to invite you back to Saint Matthew's for worship services beginning on June 21st!

The purpose of this letter is to provide more detailed information on the approach we plan to implement as we resume worship inside our beloved church.

Physical regathering comes with a responsibility for your safety that the Vestry, Wardens, Clergy and staff take very seriously, and I know you do too.

No one should feel obligated nor compelled to come to Church where the risk of exposure to Covid-19 may continue to exist. Although we will be adhering to rigorous safety guidelines, many are concerned about returning too soon, and I completely understand the range of circumstances each individual must discern.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we ask You Father, the father of glory, please give us a spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of You. Amen. (Ephesians 1:17)

For those who prefer to remain at home, we will continue live streaming Virtual Church on Sundays at 8am and 11am, as well as Wednesdays at 5:30pm.

As we seek to *love our neighbor as ourselves*, we are asking everyone to comply with the **Checklist Reminder** on the next page, which gives details on all safety guidelines we will be using for in-church worship services for this phase of re-opening. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to review the guidelines posted on our website: (www.saintmatthews.us), or contact me or Deacon Frank.

I look forward to seeing you once again at Church or on-line while we begin this first phase of re-opening.

Yours in Christ Jesus,

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The Reverend E. Ragland Coxe
Rector



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The new normal...What to Expect & Checklist Reminder

1. **Sunday In-Church Services Are Resuming!** beginning Sunday, June 21st, 2020 at 8:00am & 11:00am. (Both services will be live streamed in Zoom also!)
2. **Please do not come to Church if you feel sick, have a fever, or have a compromised immune system!**
3. **Sanitizer** will be provided as you enter. A thorough sanitization plan will be implemented before and after worship services. Additional sanitization resources are available on the cart in the Hallway leading to the Parish Hall.
4. **Entry and Exit** will be through the Front (Main Street) double doors only. The Kitchen, and Parish Hall will remain closed.
Please maintain 6' social distance between persons at all times.
5. **Seating: Please sit where Ushers ask you to be seated.** A seating plan has been designed to facilitate 6' Social Distancing. Families who live together may sit together. Otherwise, please maintain 6 feet of empty space in all directions.
6. **All-inclusive Bulletins** will be provided in designated pews. Please recycle by disposing of bulletins in the receptacle located in the Narthex as you Exit.
7. **Face Masks: Mandatory wearing of face masks in the Church.** Please bring your own! (This is for your protection and the protection of others.)
8. **Congregational singing is prohibited.** (Singing spreads vapor droplets.)
9. **Please refrain from handshakes or hugging!**
(Collection plates will be located in the Narthex.)
10. **Abbreviated Services** (under 1 hour) will help reduce overall exposure.
11. **Restroom** – should you need to use the restroom, please use the handicap bathroom in the Acolyte vesting room located in the hallway between the Church and the Parish Hall. Please Sanitize all areas touched with sanitizer provided.