

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION
IN-PERSON WORSHIP PROTOCOLS

In accordance with the CDC, Montgomery County, and Diocesan Guidelines
PLEASE READ CAREFULLY



8:00 AM -- HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II (in the sanctuary)
to be resumed **Homecoming Sunday, September 12th, 2021**



9:00 AM – HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II (in St. Clare’s Outdoor Chapel)
(Every Sunday (weather permitting) – Sunday, September 5th, 2021)

- **LIVE-STREAM:** This service ***will not*** be live-streamed.
- **SAID SERVICE:** ***No*** music.
- **RESERVATIONS:** ***No*** reservations are required for this service.
- **VACCINATION:** It is strongly recommended that all be ***fully vaccinated*** for the COVID-19 virus, ***but vaccination is not required.***
- **MASKS:** ***Optional*** for outdoor worship.
- **BULLETINS:** Please provide ***your own bulletin*** (i.e., a print copy, on your phone, on your tablet.) A limited number of paper bulletins will be available for visitors and those who need them. Please take all paper copies of the bulletin with you upon departing the service.
- **GENERAL PARKING:** ***Street parking*** and the ***school lot*** behind the church are available.
- **HANDICAPPED PARKING:** The church parking circle at 633 Sligo Avenue is reserved for those with ***limited mobility.***
- **ENTRANCES:** You may ***enter*** the church grounds either from ***634 Silver Spring Avenue*** or ***633 Sligo Avenue.***
- **GREETERS:** Will be present at both entrances to welcome and assist you.
- **SEATING AND SOCIAL DISTANCING:** Please ***bring your own lawn chairs*** to accommodate yourself and/or your family members. The ***benches*** in the outdoor chapel ***will be reserved*** for those who find it difficult to carry chairs to the service. When choosing a seating area, please observe ***social distancing*** if the people around you are more comfortable with more space between you.
- **RESTROOMS:** The ***restrooms*** in the Gathering Space will be available for your use. You may reach the restrooms by ***walking past the red front doors, turning left, and entering the outdoor Gathering space doors.*** The restrooms are immediately to your right.

- THE PASSING OF THE PEACE: Bows, waves, peace signs, elbow bumping, handshaking, kissing, or hugging are allowed but **please be respectful** and check if others welcome these gestures or not.
- THE OFFERTORY: There will be **no collection** during this service. Online giving is strongly encouraged via **Realm**. But if you wish to turn in a pledge or donation, please see the **Warden of the Day**.
- HOLY COMMUNION: **Please** walk up the **center aisle** of the chapel single file toward the priest. Only the host will be distributed which is full communion. The common cup is still not allowed at this time.
- DEPARTURE: If you **engage with others**, please be respectful of what others are comfortable with in terms of masks and social distancing.
- COFFEE HOUR: **Not applicable**.



10:00 AM -- HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II (in the Sanctuary)

- LIVE-STREAM: This service will be **live-streamed permanently**.
- MUSIC: **Congregational singing is now allowed** but **masks ARE REQUIRED** to sing. If you need a mask, please ask one of the Greeters/Ushers and one will be provided for you.
- RESERVATIONS: **No reservations** are required for this service.
- VACCINATION: It is **strongly recommended** that all attending be **fully vaccinated** for the COVID-19 virus.
- MASKS: Are **not required** for fully **vaccinated attendees**. All **un-vaccinated attendees are required** to wear a mask.
- BULLETINS: Please provide **your own bulletin** (i.e., a print copy, on your phone, tablet, etc.) A limited number of print bulletins will be available for visitors and those who need them. Please **take all paper copies** of the bulletin with you as you depart.
- GENERAL PARKING: **Street parking** and the **school lot** behind the church are available.
- HANDICAPPED PARKING: The church parking circle at **633 Sligo Avenue** is reserved for those with **limited mobility**.
- ENTRANCES: You may enter the church through the **ramp entrance** at 634 Silver Spring Avenue or through the **red main doors** at 633 Sligo Avenue.
- GREETERS: Will be present to welcome and assist you during the service.

- SEATING & SOCIAL DISTANCING: All available seats have been marked off in the sanctuary with blue tape. Please find a space that accommodates you and/or your family/friend group. When taking a seat, please observe social distancing if the people around you would be more comfortable with more space between you.
- RESTROOMS: The restrooms in the Gathering Space will be available for your use.
- THE PASSING OF THE PEACE: Bows, waves, peace signs, elbow bumping, handshaking, kissing, or hugging are allowed but please be respectful and check if others welcome these gestures or not.
- THE OFFERTORY: Will resume on July 4th, 2021. Offering plates will be passed. Online giving though is strongly encouraged via Realm.
- HOLY COMMUNION: Please walk single file up the center aisle toward the priest. Only the host will be distributed which is full communion. The common cup is still not allowed at this time. Please return to your seat using the aisle to your right to avoid interfering with the live stream equipment.
- DEPARTURE: If you engage with others, please be respectful of what others are comfortable with in terms of masks and social distancing.
- COFFEE HOUR: At this time, there will be no coffee hour gathering following the service.