

**ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
**IGLESIA CATÓLICA DE SANTA MARÍA**

1291 E. MADISON AVE

ATHENS, TN 37303

**MASS WILL RESUME ON PENTECOST**  
**SATURDAY/SUNDAY MAY 30/31.**

THERE ARE PRINT OUTS IN THE NARTHEX  
 AND  
 REQUIREMENTS FOR ATTENDING MASS  
 AT 50% CAPACITY WITH A FACE MASK AND  
 SOCIAL DISTANCING

I ENCOURAGE EVERYONE TO BRING THEIR OWN  
 HAND SANITIZER AND OR BAGGIE OF WIPES  
 DURING HIS TIME (PLEASE TAKE YOUR USED  
 WIPES WITH YOU WHEN YOU LEAVE). WE WILL  
 HAVE HAND SANITIZER AVAILABLE FOR ALL.  
**AND IF YOU CAN HELP WIPE THE CHURCH DOWN  
 CHURCH AFTER EACH MASS WE APPRECIATE IT.**

IF WE HAVE ANYONE THAT CAN MAKE FACE MASK  
 AND DONATE THEM, THAT WOULD BE  
 WONDERFUL AS WELL, OF IF YOU CAN HELP IN  
 ANYWAY WITH THEM CALL THE OFFICE.

**SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER — May 17, 2020**

Pastor: Rev. Dr. John Arthur Orr Rectory: 423-745-0904  
 Deacon: Rev. Mr. Erasmo Hernandez  
 Parish Office: 423 745-4277 Fax: 423-745-9706 Email: stmaryathenstn@att.net Website: www.stmaryathenstn.org  
 PARISH OFFICE HOURS: Monday– Thursday 8am-4:30pm Friday 8:00—11am

WEEK DAY DAILY MASS: 9am plus Wednesday at 6pm. **HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION MASS TIMES 9AM AND 7PM**  
 Saturday: First Saturday of month 9am; Vigil Mass 5pm **If Holy Day is on a Wednesday Mass will be at 6PM**  
 Sunday: Mass 8am Latin, 10:00am English and 1pm Spanish  
 CONFESSION: Saturday 4:00-4:45pm Sunday 9-9:45am, 12-12:45pm

Stewardship/Collection

May 9/10, 2020

Offertory (Envelopes/Check-Cash-On Line)	\$ 4,145.00
Loose Offering	\$ 280.00
Mass/Coffee/Candles/Rmbr/Rent/Flowers/etc.	\$ 238.79
TOTAL	\$ 4,663.79
Building Fund - May total to date—	\$ 1,276.00
And in Memory of Lisa Cudworth	\$ 800.00
<small>Second collections will be collected after Communion</small>	
<b>SECOND COLLECTIONS</b>	
5/31— Good Samaritan—1/2 Full Circle	\$ 45.00
4/26—Home Missions Appeal	\$ 50.00
5/24—Catholic Communication Campaign	\$ 35.00
Rice Bowls	\$ 17.48
Deficit Reduction—As of July 2019	\$ 54,573.01
And in memory of Lisa Cudworth	\$ 250.00
<small>DEFICIT REDUCTION ENVELOPES (GOLD) AVAILABE AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCH</small>	
<b>HOME CAMPAIGN (\$73,024.53)</b>	
For the month of—March 2020— \$581.40	
<b>ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT—</b>	
<small>March 31, 2020 is posted in Message Center</small>	
<small>If you would like to receive collection envelopes please call the office.</small>	

**Daily Mass Readings**  
 May 18, 2020—May 24, 2020

-Method for Prayerfully Reading the Scriptures  
(Lectio Divina) 1. Read 2. Reflect (meditate) 3. Respond (pray) 4. Rest (contemplate)

Monday, May 18— Acts 16:11-15//Jn 15:26-16:4a  
 Tuesday, May 19—Acts 16:22-34//Jn 16:5-11  
 Wednesday, May 20— Acts 17:15-22—18:1//Jn 16:12-15  
 Thursday, May 21— Acts 18:1-18//Jn 16:16-20  
**THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD**  
 Acts 1:1-11//Eph 1:17-23//Mt 28:16-20  
 Friday, May 22 —Acts 18:9-18//Jn 16:20-23  
 Saturday, May 23 —Acts 18:23-28//Jn 16:23c-28  
 Sunday, May 24—Acts 1:12-14//1 Pt 4:13-16//Jn 17:1-11a

**READINGS - YEAR A** – Order of the Mass begins in section with the gray edges #140

05/17/2020—Sixth Sunday of Easter—# 913  
 05/24/2020—The Ascension of the Lord—# 917

**This Week in our Parish**

"During these times that we are not physically attending Mass, Father John Orr is recording timely video messages and prayers for all of us. Links to these videos, along with messages from the Bishop, and televised Masses are available on our website. The website is updated routinely to facilitate communication within our Church. Other means to view Father John's messages is via St Mary's Facebook page and YouTube channel (links are on our website). Please subscribe/Like the page in order to get updates."  
[www.stmaryathenstn@att.org](http://www.stmaryathenstn@att.org)

**Sunday—May 17, 2020**  
**KEEP READING THE BIBLE WITH YOUR FAMILY**  
 Attend Mass on Line

**Monday—May 18, 2020**  
**Tuesday—May 19, 2020**  
**Wednesday—May 20, 2020**  
**Thursday—May 21, 2020**  
**Friday—May 22, 2020**  
**First Friday Adoration**  
**Saturday—May 23, 2020**


If anyone would like to volunteer to help clean the Church please stop by when the church is open.— Thank you

**Sunday—May 24, 2020**  
**KEEP READING THE BIBLE WITH YOUR FAMILY**  
**For Sacrament information call the office.**

**CANDLE DONATIONS**—We are asking for a donation of \$3.00 per candle to help defray the cost of the candles and Blue Globes

**ATTENDANCE—**  
 May 9/10, 2020—Total  
 5pm—00— //8am— 00 //10am—00 1pm—00

**ALTAR FLOWERS—**



Flowers are \$50.00 for the Altar flowers and \$25.00 for Sacred Heart flowers and must be paid for in advance. You can pay for and request larger arrangement if you wish.

## Mass Intentions

May 16—May 24, 2020

THE CHURCH WILL BE LOCKED DURING PRIVATE MASS TIMES

- May 16—5PM  
+Fr. Joseph Fiedorowicz from Hugh & Connie Reed
- May 17—8AM Sunday—Latin/10AM English/1PM Spanish  
Colleen Clarke from Andre Juneau  
+Riley Exum from Debbie Exum  
St. Mary Parish
- May 18—9AM Monday  
+Leonela Torres from Alicia Mora
- May 19—9AM Tuesday  
+Faustina Rodriguez and Dieago Morales from Mundo and Cindy Morales
- May 20—9AM and 6PM Wednesday  
+Gloria Carrick from Jim and Pat Barrett  
St. Mary Parish
- May 21—9AM The Ascension of the Lord  
+Chris F. Pacitti from Stephen and Toni Pacitti
- May 22—9AM  
+Florence E Ferguson from Linda G Nadeau
- May 23—5PM  
St. Mary Parish
- May 24—8AM Sunday—Latin/10AM English/1PM Spanish  
Clifford Laprairie from Andre Juneau  
+Rose Maries Weinziert from Paul and Sally Kessler  
Reparations for Sins Against the First Commandment.

Call the office to have a Mass Scheduled. Donation of \$5.00.

## ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT MARCH 31, 2020

BUDGET CATEGORY	FY 2020	EXPENDITURES	%
	BUDGET	THROUGH 3/31/2020	EXPENDED
PASTORAL-ADMIN/GENERAL	\$191,991	\$ 141,069	73%
LITURGY	22,400	16,464	74%
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION	13,675	10,524	77%
MINISTRY OF YOUTH	7,573	2,905	38%
MINISTRY FAMILY/PARISH LIFE	2,505	1,237	49%
PARISH COUNCIL-GENERAL	320	215	67%
PLANT/PARISH OPER & MAINT	71,980	55,202	77%
TOTALS	\$310,444	\$227,616	73%

CURRENT MONTH		YEAR TO DATE	
MONTHLY REV. MARCH 2020	\$ 21,975	REV. JULY 2019 - MARCH 2020	\$ 215,572
MONTHLY EXP. MARCH 2020	19,898	EXP. JULY 2019 - MARCH 2020	227,616
OPER. SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	\$ 2,077	OPER. SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	(\$ 12,044)

SUMMARY:

CURRENT FY 2020 DEFICIT	(\$ 12,044)
CARRY OVER DEFICIT PRIOR YEARS	(\$ 30,583)
FALL FESTIVAL FUNDS AS OF 3/31/2020	\$ 16,559
ST. MARY CHURCH ACCUMULATED DEFICIT	(\$ 26,068)

PARISH FAMILY LIFE CENTER DEBT:

ORIGINAL NOTE (12/1/2012)	\$625,000
NOTE BALANCE AS OF (3/31/2020)	\$107,517

(All Figures Rounded)  
\*Thank you for your stewardship generosity.\*

**ON LINE GIVING** - Visit our website at [www.stmaryathenstn.org](http://www.stmaryathenstn.org) to become a part of our "ON LINE GIVING," available to our parish.

My dear parishioners,

Peace! On the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary, 7 October, 2019, Pope Francis established the feast of Our Lady of Loreto, to be observed each year on the 10<sup>th</sup> of December. At the same time Pope Francis proclaimed a Laurentian Jubilee Holy Year to run from 8 December, 2019 through 10 December, 2020. There are fifty-one invocations in the *Litany of Loreto*. The following is a reflection on the twenty-first invocation: **Virgin most merciful, pray for us.**

What does it mean to call Saint Mary "Virgin most merciful"? How is the Blessed Virgin Mary most merciful?

Saint Mary the Blessed Virgin is most merciful in that she is the Mother of God, Jesus Christ, who is mercy Himself. No Mary, no mercy! The Lord Jesus preached "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy" "I desire mercy, and not sacrifice" (Matthew 5:7; 9:13). In His human nature, which He received from Saint Mary, surely the Lord Jesus learned about mercy from Our Lady, the Virgin Mother most merciful who declared while He was still in utero "His mercy is from generation to generation on those who fear Him" and how God is "mindful of His mercy" (Luke 1:50, 54). Preserved by God's grace from any stain of Original Sin in her Immaculate Conception, Saint Mary the Blessed Virgin has received the mercy of God beyond measure. Saint John Paul II (+2005) reminds us in his Encyclical *Dives in Misericordia*, 9 (30 November, 1980) that "Mary is the one who experienced mercy in an exceptional way - as no one else." In his Encyclical *Redemptoris Mater*, 41 (25 March, 1987), citing *Lumen Gentium*, 53, Saint John Paul II even called Saint Mary the Virgin most merciful "Meadiatrix of Mercy" "by reason of the merits of her Son." In his Encyclical *Veritatis Splendor*, 118 (6 August, 1993), Saint John Paul II entrusted each of us, our sufferings and joys, our moral lives to the Virgin Saint Mary, "Mother of God and Mother of Mercy. Mary is Mother of Mercy because her Son, Jesus Christ, was sent by the Father as the revelation of God's mercy (cf. Jn 3:16-18)." As an intercessor for us with her Son she implores mercy.

The ancient (4<sup>th</sup> century) prayer *Tota pulchra es, Maria* includes a reference to Our Lady as our most merciful Mother (*Mater clementissima*). For more than eight hundred years the *Salve Regina* (Hail Holy Queen) has been prayed after Compline (Night Prayer) and with the Rosary invoking Saint Mary as merciful Mother (*Mater misericordiae... O Clemens...*). Saint Bridget of Sweden (+1373) recorded in her *Revelations* (I, 6.10) a message of Our Lady as Mother of Mercy. Saint Faustina (+1938) prayed a novena consisting of the Hail, Holy Queen after which Our Lady revealed herself as both Queen of Heaven and Mother of Mercy (*Diary*, 330). As spiritual children of Saint Mary let us always be merciful to others even as we seek God's mercy ourselves.

Father John Arthur Orr

### Contacts for :

CCD—Oneta Fioravanti— 865-712-6819—

Youth Ministries—Sue Granger— 423-506-7836.

RCIA—Jack Cox - 423-836-2979

Hispanic Ministry—Alicia Mora—423-368-5310

Parish Family Life Center (PFLC) - Kay Prevatt 423-453-2049. Contact her to schedule all use/rental of the PFLC by parish groups and the public.

To schedule use of the Narthex call the office.

**NEW TO OUR PARISH**—If you are new to our parish see one of our ushers for a **BLUE**

**PARISH CENSUS FORM**—They are also located on the Narthex Table or the slots in back of the church on the left as you leave. Also let the office know if you would like envelopes. **TO UPDATE YOUR INFORMATION (CHANGES) FILL OUT THE YELLOW COPY ONLY, and return to the office.**

**For Sacrament information call the office.**



### First Communion!!

Attention all First Communicants and their parents! —No more classes this year. First Communion on May 4th was cancelled. Please call the church office to make an appointment with Fr John on an individual basis for your first reconciliation and your first communion. Father will do them all by individual appointments whenever parents feel their child is ready. Their CCD materials will be on a table in the Narthex available to help you do the final preparations for your child. Any questions please call Oneta Fioravanti at 865-712-6819.

**EM—LECTORS—USHERS—PLEASE CONTACT CONNIE REED— IF YOU ARE READY TO HELP WITH THE MASSES WHEN THEY BEGIN ON MAY 30/31. If you can help prepare the Church come help on Thursday May 28th after Mass.**



### PRAYER CHAIN

—Call the office to be placed on the prayer chain, or if you would like to help. Keep in your prayers— Carol Webb, Bob Whitaker, Jane Meyer, George Krenner, James Winner, Levi and Sally Sanford, Karen Humphries, Phil Frye, Bob Abbott and all of our sick and homebound.

Thank you all for continuing to support our parish and our Building fund during these hard times. Please continue to mail in your contribution or go to our web site and consider giving online. God Bless us all.....

**PARISH DIRECTORY**— Printing has been placed on hold by the company till further notice.

To receive the bulletin by e-mail please send me your name and e-mail to—[stmaryathenstn@att.net](mailto:stmaryathenstn@att.net). Once we go back to having Masses on Sunday, I will continue sending of the bulletin, by e-mail.





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OFFICE OF THE BISHOP  
DIOCESE OF KNOXVILLE

May 6, 2020

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Greetings in the Name of Our Lord Jesus Christ! During this pandemic crisis I have had the opportunity to spend a good bit of time reading Sacred Scripture. As such, I was pleasantly reminded of the Apostle Paul when he said: "Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience" (Colossians 3:12). During this unprecedented time in history where we have had to weigh our spiritual needs and heartfelt desires against the protection of our general health and the health of our families, I am grateful to all of you for your patience and kindness demonstrated throughout these last few months.

I understand how much you are yearning to once again gather in our churches for Mass and receive the Holy Eucharist. From the very beginning throughout this crisis, I made a conscious decision to be a caring shepherd and a good citizen and to cooperate with public officials in every way possible, primarily because of our mutual and serious obligation to protect the health and safety of our fellow citizens in ways determined by the health experts.

In consideration of the aforementioned, it is my hope and desire that by the weekend of May 30<sup>th</sup> - May 31<sup>st</sup>, the Solemnity of Pentecost, we will be able to gather in our churches again, of course, by following the re-opening and phased directives of the State of Tennessee and our Local Municipalities. I am committed to protecting our priests and deacons and the parishioners whom they serve. We all must act responsibly by following the directives of social distancing, hygiene and wearing protective masks. By working together as a community of faith we can successfully move through this public health crisis and begin having public Masses again.

Attached to this letter you will find my directives (procedures) for celebrating and participating in a public Mass beginning May 31, 2020. It is important to note that these directives are mandatory. However, I will allow each of our pastors to contact me and seek my permission to slightly amend the procedures based upon their church seating capacity and other unique, site-specific challenges.

Finally, it is still prudent to dispense all Catholics in the territory of the Diocese of Knoxville from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass. Those who are vulnerable, elderly or just not comfortable going to a public Mass at this point in time should continue to participate in the many live-streamed Masses our parishes offer and make a "spiritual communion." Let me emphasize, if you are vulnerable, elderly or just not comfortable going to a public Mass beginning May 30<sup>th</sup> - May 31<sup>st</sup> - please stay home!

Dear friends of the Diocese of Knoxville, as we move into the future we know that Jesus will accompany us every step of the way, and we know that with the intercession of our Principal Patroness, the Blessed Virgin Mary, and our Secondary Patron, Saint John Paul II, God will bless the Church in East Tennessee with a renewed spirit, with renewed faith, hope and love as we accept, embrace and seek to follow His Divine Will in all that we do!

Know that each and every one of you remain in my prayers and I ask you to continue your faithful, unceasing prayers, always maintaining patience and kindness. God bless you all!

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Richard F. Stika  
Bishop of Knoxville



**RICHARD FRANK STIKA**  
**BY THE GRACE OF GOD AND FAVOR OF THE APOSTOLIC SEE**  
**THIRD BISHOP OF KNOXVILLE**

**DECREE**

Whereas, the Diocese of Knoxville has been monitoring the directives, recommendations and guidelines of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and Tennessee State and Local Health Departments to ensure that all diocesan parishes are responding appropriately to the spread of the coronavirus (COVID-19); and

Whereas, our Local Municipalities have published *Phased Reopening Plans* complementary to Governor Bill Lee's "*Tennessee Pledge: Reopening Tennessee Responsibly*";

Whereas, we recognize the Freedom of Religion as a right of the Faithful and a founding principle of the United States; and

Whereas, access to divine worship and to the sacraments is of high importance for the spiritual good and the overall well-being of the faithful; and

Whereas, as responsible human beings living in society with our fellow man we have a duty towards the common good and the proportionate care and caution necessary to prevent the spread of the COVID-19 disease; and

Whereas, we as a people of faith, recognize that the soul is susceptible to spiritual death even as the body is endangered by viral infections and are saddened by the current necessity to curtail the exercise of the sacraments and desiring to return to the offering of the public celebration of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass; and

Whereas, as Catholics we maintain that Christian worship and sacraments are just as necessary for the human person, indeed far more necessary, than many commercial activities now permitted:

Through this decree, effective the weekend of May 30 - May 31, 2020, the Solemnity of Pentecost, I hereby mandate the following directives (procedures) regarding public Masses {Note - our pastors may contact my office and seek my permission to slightly amend these directives/procedures based upon their church seating capacity and other unique, site-specific challenges}:

1. Pastors must routinely remind the faithful that currently their obligation to attend Sunday Mass has been dispensed and therefore, those who are vulnerable, elderly or just not comfortable going to a public Mass at this point in time should continue to participate in the many live-streamed Masses our parishes offer and make a "spiritual communion." Pastors should remind their parishioners that if they have traveled out of the country, currently have or recently had a fever or have been exposed to someone with COVID-19, they shall not attend public Mass at this time.
2. Prior to leaving your vehicle, all parishioners must don (put on) a cloth face covering (protective face mask). Although same-household family members may walk together through the parking lot and into the church all others must maintain physical distancing when traversing the parking lot and entering the church building. No one should ever physically embrace or shake hands with others at any time. Entrance into the church should be completed by single file line maintaining 6 feet between each group of same-household family members.



3. The number of congregates at each public Mass will be strictly limited to 50% capacity (or lower) based on each church's seating capacity. Seating areas must be marked off to ensure 6 feet of physical distancing in all directions between groups of same-household family members. This will require closing off every other pew (or row of seats) in the church (or other campus facility). No one will be allowed to sit at the very end of the occupied pews/rows. Depending on the number of parishioners desiring to resume attending a public Mass, the pastor may choose to additionally simulcast (live-stream) the Mass in another campus facility/space. Parishes that do not have an additional campus space may need to celebrate 3-4 Masses each Sunday. To effectively accomplish the aforementioned, those who wish to attend the public Mass may have to attend based upon the first letter of their last name. As an example, Mass attendance times may be assigned by last names beginning with the letter A-F, G-Q and R-Z respectively. This assignment procedure will also apply to those parishes who offer Mass in Spanish – these parishes may have to offer at least 2 Masses in Spanish or simulcast at another campus facility as mentioned above. **IMPORTANT** – once your church is filled to the legal limit of 50% capacity – lock all doors to the church (and, if applicable, other campus facility being simulcast/live-streamed) - this assumes your church has door-types that are compliant with local fire codes [has an inside device such as a panic bar that prevents entry from the outside but allows free exit from the inside]. If your church/campus facility does not have doors that can be locked and still fulfill unobstructed exit from the inside, you must leave the doors unlocked and utilize an usher to prevent people from entering the church/campus facility once the 50% capacity has been reached. (See attached examples)
4. Holy water fonts should remain completely dry. Remove all hymnals, Daily Missals and other items normally found in the pew book holders.
5. Continue to refrain from passing collection baskets from person-to-person and instead use fixed collection basket location(s) in the narthex so that parishioners can place their donation while entering or exiting the church. Parishes where ushers use extended-handled collection baskets (and the usher can maintain 6 feet from the donor) may continue that process.
6. Do not hold hands during the recitation of the Our Father.
7. Omit the Sign of Peace or exchange it without physical contact (bow of the head).
8. Holy Communion shall be distributed as follows: A single Holy Communion distribution point will be located at the front of the church and at the rear of the church. For those church buildings that have an altar rail they may distribute to communicants who are kneeling at the rail and are a minimum of 6 feet apart. Pastors serving at churches that have transepts may locate their distribution points at the far right and far left ends of the transepts respectively. An assigned usher will call parishioners to the Holy Communion distribution points by individual pew/row via the center aisle (or side aisle for those with transepts). **IMPORTANT – regardless of the location of the Holy Communion distribution points (front/rear, communion rail, far end of each transept or at another church campus location where the Mass is being simulcast) the following procedures are mandatory (non-negotiable):** Once you leave your pew/chair you will proceed single file (maintaining 6 feet apart) to the distribution point. Immediately before you reach the distribution point you will remove your protective face mask placing it in your pocket and sanitize your hands with 70% alcohol-based sanitizing gel/solution (which will be on a small table directly in front of the distribution point). Standing on the floor-marked X (or kneeling at the 6-foot marked locations along the communion rail), you will extend your arms and hands toward the priest/deacon with the palm of your non-writing hand facing up and completely flat supported by your writing hand. The priest/deacon (who at this particular time will be wearing a protective face mask and safety glasses) will then place the Host onto your palm without touching your hand. The communicant will immediately consume the Host, place their protective mask back on and proceed to their pew/seat. Reception of the Host on the tongue is strictly prohibited at this time. (See attached examples)
9. Although each public Mass can include music (cantor/organist), individual parishioner singing is discouraged as it is thought to be an activity that expels significantly more aerosolized droplets of virus.
10. Once Mass has completed, an usher will go to an individual pew (one pew or row of seats at a time) and direct each group of same-household family members to exit the church by single file line maintaining 6 feet between each group of same-household family members. All parishioners should go directly to their car and immediately depart (no gathering and greetings of the faithful in the parking lot).

11. Once all parishioners have exited the church, pastors must ensure the cleaning and disinfecting of touched surfaces (i.e. pews, tables, doorknobs, light switches, handles, toilets, faucets, sinks) with household cleaners and EPA-registered disinfectants that are appropriate for these surfaces. Those assigned to clean and disinfect should wear disposable gloves when cleaning and disinfecting surfaces. Gloves should be discarded after each cleaning. If reusable gloves are used, those gloves should be dedicated for cleaning and disinfection of surfaces for COVID-19 and should not be used for other purposes. Consult the manufacturer's instructions for cleaning and disinfection products used. Wash hands for 20 seconds immediately after gloves are removed. If surfaces are dirty, they should be cleaned using a detergent or soap and water prior to disinfection. For disinfection, diluted household bleach solutions, alcohol solutions with at least 70% alcohol, and most common EPA-registered household disinfectants should be effective. Diluted household bleach solutions can be used if appropriate for the surface. Never mix household bleach with ammonia or any other cleanser. To prepare a bleach solution you will mix as follows:
- 5 tablespoons (1/3 cup) bleach per gallon of water, or
  - 4 teaspoons bleach per quart of water
- If soft (porous) surfaces such as pew cushions, carpeted floors, rugs, and drapes have been contaminated by bodily fluids - remove visible contamination and clean with appropriate cleaners indicated for use on these surfaces. (See Diocese of Knoxville website for additional information on cleaning and disinfection).
12. Additional items each pastor should consider:
- A. The church should post a link to the COVID-19 exposure questions on their website (i.e., have you traveled out of the country, do you have a fever, have you been exposed to someone with COVID-19, etc.?) If a parishioner answers yes to any of these, we recommend they do not attend Mass at the church.
- B. It may be necessary to install temporary markings (cones/tape), directing the flow of foot traffic in and out of the church. Only one entrance into the church is recommended to ensure control of the number of individuals entering the building.
- C. Ideally, entrance door(s) should be propped open to allow entry without the need to touch door handles. The doors can be closed and locked once Mass begins and then reopened concluding Mass. If this is not an option, recommend designating an employee or volunteer to hold the door open.
- D. It will be important to have orderly seating and dismissal of parishioners. First parishioners arriving should be ushered to front of church and fill in the rest of the seating areas as more enter. After Mass, parishioners should be ushered out of church starting at the back pew working toward the front.
- E. Hand sanitizer should be provided at each entrance for parishioners to utilize. Pump bottles could be placed on tables or, there are free standing pumps that you place your hand under and the sanitizer drops down. It is also recommended that you suggest to your parishioners that they bring their own hand sanitizer with them while in attendance.

Given at the Chancery this 6<sup>th</sup> day of May in the Year of Our Lord 2020.





Most Reverend Richard F. Stika  
Bishop of Knoxville



Deacon Sean K. Smith  
Chancellor