

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Liturgy in a Time of Pandemic

FUNERALS

Will Funerals be celebrated during the pandemic?

Yes –with restrictions. Bishop McManus has given priests permission to celebrate the Funeral Mass with the immediate family (limited to fifteen people) with the appropriate provisions for social distancing and other precautions to keep us all as safe as possible.

Could we postpone the Funeral?

Yes. Families could request that prayers be said at the cemetery (Rite of Committal) and a public Funeral Mass be celebrated once these difficult days are over. In any case, the Priest will always say a private Mass for the repose of the soul of your loved one on the day of their burial.

WEDDINGS

Can weddings still take place?

Yes –with restrictions. Bishop McManus has given priests permission to celebrate Weddings, but only with the witnesses (Best Man and Maid of Honor) and immediate family present (limited to twenty people) with the appropriate provisions for social distancing and other precautions to keep us all as safe as possible.

What about all my family and friends?

One person could be streaming the wedding on FaceTime or other social media platforms for family and friends to watch at home. Alternatively, once the pandemic is over, a Mass of Thanksgiving in celebration of the Marriage can be scheduled.

Can my Wedding be postponed?

Yes. You may choose to postpone your wedding until after the pandemic is over.

BAPTISMS

Can my child be baptized?

Yes. Bishop McManus has given priests permission to celebrate Baptisms of individual children in the presence of their immediate family and Godparents (limited to twenty people) with the appropriate provisions for social distancing and other precautions to keep us all as safe as possible.

MASS INTENTIONS

I have a Mass scheduled for the anniversary of my mother's death. Will it still take place?

Yes. While public Masses are not allowed during these difficult days, be assured that the Priests will be offering private Masses for all the scheduled intentions.

Can I still request a Mass be celebrated for a particular intention?

Yes. You can always write, phone or email to your Priest and ask that he offer a Mass for a particular intention in the usual way. Know that your Priests are spending their time in prayer for you and your loved ones during these days.