



## Our Lady Help of Christians

---

1315 East 28th Street Brooklyn, NY 11210

Tel. 718-338-5242

May 21 2021

Dear Parishioners,

Following the guidance of the State of New York and recommendation from the CDC, Bishop DiMarzio has issued the following guidelines:

- Our Churches may open to full 100% capacity. There is no longer any need to rope off a pew between the occupied rows. **Social distancing is still required for those who are not vaccinated. Unvaccinated parishioners should distance themselves from others who are not members of the same household.**
- Hand hygiene is still required and disinfectant use should be encouraged.
- **For those who are not vaccinated, masks are still mandatory in Church. However, everyone is encouraged to wear masks while in Church.**

We are relying on the honesty of people regarding their vaccination status. No one will be asked to prove having been vaccinated. Nor should anyone be compelled to sit in one place or another in Church.

The obligation to attend Holy Mass on Sunday is a sacred one and must be taken seriously. The dispensation from this obligation which has been in effect since the start of the pandemic will be lifted as of the **weekend of June 5-6, the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of the Lord (Corpus Christi)**. Although the dispensation will be lifted, those who are ill, or feeling unwell, those who care for the sick and those truly at risk are automatically dispensed from the obligation, as is always the case.

We will continue to live-stream our daily 12 noon Mass as well as the 11:30AM Mass on Sundays from our brother parish St. Thomas Aquinas. The service provided by the live-streams has proved to be a blessing for many people and this will continue. It provides a way for people, especially those confined to their homes, a way to feel united to our parish community.

Your brother in Christ

Fr. Dwayne D. Davis

Administrator