

# Guidelines for the Public Celebration of Mass

*St. Margaret of York*  
*Updated August 2020*





## Our Commitment to Safety

*As we begin public celebrations of Mass, St. Margaret of York is committed to maintaining a safe environment. It won't be Mass as usual, but it will give us all a chance to practice the virtues of humility, patience, temperance, and kindness. We know that these procedures and guidelines are not what we are used to, and we ask for your flexibility and grace as we once again gather publicly for the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass in this time of uncertainty.*

*It will take longer to enter the Church, receive Holy Communion and exit the Church, so keep that in mind as you plan your day. We do not have all the answers to all the questions and will be constantly evaluating what is working and what is not as our public Masses resume. Please review the following information if you plan on attending a Mass at St. Margaret of York in person.*

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# Access to the Sacraments & Prayer Life

## Dispensation from Sunday Obligation

*Although public Masses are permitted to take place, this is not a return to normal. The obligation to attend Sunday Mass is suspended indefinitely for everyone. This means until further notice you are not obligated to attend Sunday Mass and it is not a sin to miss Mass for the time being. The sick and vulnerable are especially encouraged to join us in prayer from home by watching live-streamed Mass and other devotions.*

## For those who would like to participate in Mass or receive Holy Communion

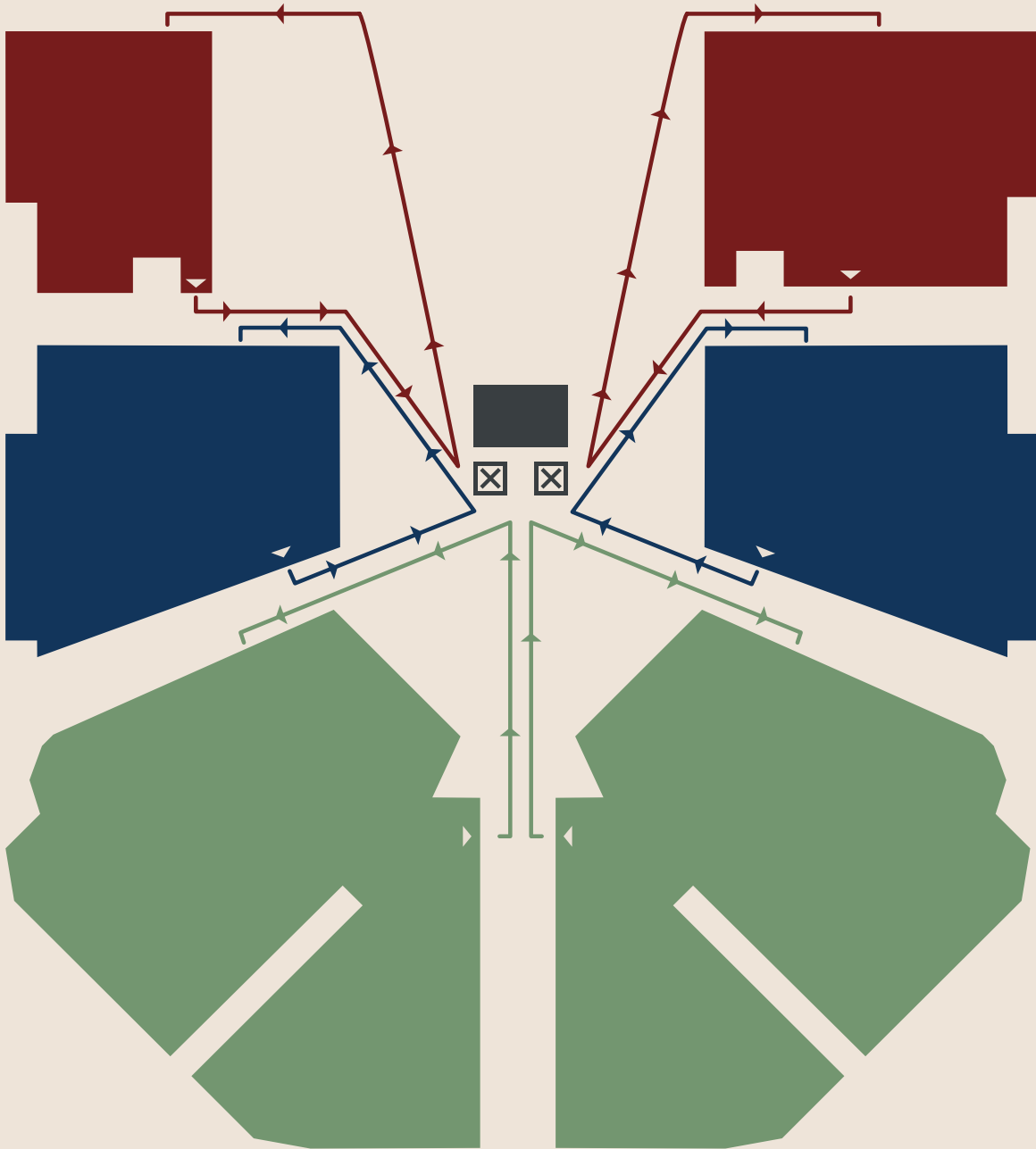
*Since there is no obligation for Sunday Mass, we are encouraging those who choose to participate in Mass or communion to consider one of our weekday Masses. This will help to spread out the demand over the whole week and help us maintain social distance, so Sundays don't become too crowded. By June, we will be offering 16 Masses throughout the week to increase access. Additionally, we will continue to offer a live-stream Mass on Sundays at 10:00 am\* while the dispensation is in place.*

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\*Notice of Filming and Photography on page 5.

## Guidelines for Attending Public Masses

- All celebrations of Mass will take place in the Church to allow for social distancing.
- Please use the main entrance for Mass. This will help us keep an accurate count and make adjustments as needed to better accommodate the parish.
- We will be limited to a **maximum capacity of 200 people per Mass**. Once at capacity no more people will be admitted to that Mass. Again, there is no obligation to attend Sunday Mass, so please consider attending a weekday Mass.
- We encourage attendees age 3+ to wear masks, covering both your nose and your mouth.
- You will be asked not to enter the Church if the cleaning crew is still in the process of sanitizing and wait outside maintaining proper social distance until they have finished.
- People who live together should sit together.
- To manage social distancing, select pews will be available for seating and all others will be roped off.
- We ask you fill in the next available space and leave 6ft between you and the next family. Please do not sit on the aisle and expect others to step over you.
- Hymnals and missalettes have been removed to limit common touch points.
- The sign of peace is omitted and we ask that you refrain from holding hands during the "Our Father."
- For distribution of Holy Communion, we need to maintain social distancing and not create two-way traffic patterns.
- The priest and deacon will stand near the altar in front of the candles. The two north sections (closest to the tabernacle) will be invited to communion first.
- Those receiving should exit the pew to the south (away from the tabernacle).
- When these northernmost sections are finished, then the middle sections do the same, followed by the sections closest to the new entrance:
- Exit the pew to the south; receive from the priest or deacon at the altar; return.
- Anyone not receiving Holy Communion is welcome to come forward for a blessing. If you do not come forward for a blessing, please exit the pew so others can get out or in while maintaining social distancing.
- Only the Sacred Host will be offered for Holy Communion. The reception of the Precious Blood is suspended until further notice.
- Archbishop Schnurr strongly encourages that all receive Holy Communion in the hand.
- Thank you for exiting in a timely fashion so our cleaning team can get to work to provide a safe environment for those attending the next Mass.



Communion Flow Diagram

Key	
<span style="color: red;">■</span>	1 <sup>st</sup> Section to Receive
<span style="color: blue;">■</span>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Section to Receive
<span style="color: green;">■</span>	3 <sup>rd</sup> Section to Receive
	Directional Flow
	Priest or Deacon
<span style="background-color: grey; color: black;">■</span>	Altar

## Receiving the Eucharist if wearing a mask

*Please pull down your mask while the person in front of you is receiving. You will need to make sure your hands are empty to receive, and you are not holding your mask in either of your hands. Please consume the Eucharist immediately after receiving it as you normally would and replace your mask.*

*A tip for removing your mask to minimize the spread of germs or touching the outside of your mask is to use the hand you don't pick the Eucharist up with, use two fingers to pinch the mask and slide in below your chin. Once you have received the Eucharist, pinch the mask using the same technique and slide it back up. Wash your hands or use hand sanitizer as soon as possible after Mass. Remember, if you are not comfortable with taking off your mask in public, you are not obligated to receive Holy Communion if you attend Mass.*

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### **Continued Evaluation and Additional Measures**

*We will continue to evaluate our situation and update these guidelines on an as-needed base. If too many people show up at a Mass we may have to ask you to come to a different Mass during the week. If capacity becomes an issue we may implement additional measures to maintain social distancing, options including but not limited to RSVP for Masses.*

## Public Mass Times

at St. Margaret of York

### **Monday - Friday:**

8:15 am | 7:00 pm

### **Saturday:**

8:15 am | 4:30 pm

### **Sunday:**

8:00 am (no music) | 10:00 am\* | 12:00 pm | 5:30 pm

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\*Notice of Filming and Photography on page 5.

## Live Stream Mass

Our Sunday Live Stream Mass will stream during the 10:00 am\* Mass on the Parish's YouTube Channel. [bit.ly/SMOY-Youtube](https://bit.ly/SMOY-Youtube)

## Confession

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will continue in the Day Chapel during our regular times or by appointment. If you are leery about coming into the chapel, we are also perfectly willing to meet you at other times at the new entrance for a drive-through confession. Our new overhang will keep us dry even if it's raining. Just call ahead to set it up.

Fr. Bedel | 513.697.3101

Fr. Pasala | 513.697.3102

## Scheduled Confession

### Monday:

6:00 - 6:45 pm

### Saturday:

8:45 am until the last Confession is heard.

3:00 - 4:00 pm

## Prayer Life

The tabernacle has been moved near the sanctuary. This will allow public Masses to resume while maintaining your ability to visit the Blessed Sacrament for private individual prayer while maintaining a safe distance from other worshipers and eliminating the extra set of doors as touch points.

With the tabernacle present in the Church, please remember to genuflect, or bow if you cannot genuflect.

### **\*Notice of Filming and Photography**

In order to offer Mass online we will be live streaming during the 9:00am Sunday Mass. This means there is a possibility your image and likeness may appear on camera.

By attending a St. Margaret of York event, you are entering an area where photography, audio, and video recording may occur. By agreeing to these terms, you consent to photography, audio recording, video recording and its release, publication, exhibition, or reproduction to be used for promotional purposes, advertising, inclusion on websites, social media, or any other purpose by St. Margaret of York and its representatives. You release St. Margaret of York, its employees, and each and all persons involved from any liability connected with the taking, recording, digitizing, or publication and use of interviews, photographs, computer images, video and/or audio recordings, and you waive all rights to any claims for payment or royalties in connection with any use of these materials. You also waive any right to inspect or approve any photo, video, or audio recording taken by St. Margaret of York or the person or entity designated to do so by St. Margaret of York.





## Offertory / Support SMOY

*The offering helps us in the church's mission to "go and make disciples of all nations". Ways to support SMOY:*

### At the Church

*We will not be passing a basket during Masses, however baskets to drop your offering will be placed near the entrance.*

### Online via We Share

<https://bit.ly/ChurchOffering>

### By Mail

*St. Margaret of York  
9499 Columbia Rd.  
Loveland, OH 45140*



# Continued Communication

## Bulletins

*As usual, please take bulletins from the holder or stack near the exits. We would like to remind you that the bulletin is available via the parish website. <https://smoy.org/bulletins>*

## Flocknote Email

*We will continue sending emails every Wednesday and Saturday. Sign up via [smoy.org](https://smoy.org).*

## Connect With SMOY Online

*Website | <https://smoy.org/>*

*Facebook | <https://www.facebook.com/smoyparish>*

*Twitter | <https://twitter.com/smoyparish>*

*Anchor | <https://anchor.fm/smoy>*

*YouTube | [bit.ly/SMOY-Youtube](https://bit.ly/SMOY-Youtube)*