



# DIOCESAN STATEMENT



**DATE:** May 21, 2020 – Feast of the Ascension  
**RE:** DRVC Coronavirus Update: Mass  
**FROM:** Sean P. Dolan, Director of Communications

The Diocese of Rockville Centre learned of the Governor's new directives regarding Houses of Worship through his May 20th press conference. At this time, we are aware only that indoor religious services are limited to 10 people, while outdoor services include safety restrictions.

The Diocese is currently assisting local parishes to adapt to these new restrictions. Each parish is unique in its layout and resources and will need time to adjust. Until further notice, the dispensation from the requirement to attend Sunday Mass remains in effect. Some parishes may only be able to offer continued virtual / online Masses for a time. Your parish will publicize the availability of liturgies and accompanying restrictions as soon as possible. If you are sick or part of a vulnerable category of people, you are encouraged to remain at home.

We ask for a spirit of patience and cooperation as we attempt to serve the people of God as effectively as possible while taking reasonable safety precautions for everyone's wellbeing. We look forward to being able to host public indoor Masses, Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals with more than 10 people in the near future. Please continue to pray for an end to the Coronavirus.

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