

Wednesday, May 20, 2020

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I'm happy to announce that on Friday, May 22, our church will re-open for private visits and prayer, including Eucharistic Adoration.

### **Safeguards**

As you come to visit and spend quiet time with the Lord in prayer, please know we are doing all we can to safeguard your health and well-being. A number of safety, social-distancing, and cleaning protocols are now in place. And we will need your help in observing them!

**Please download our [Visitor's Guide](#) so you know exactly what to expect when you visit, and what will be expected of you.**

We're looking forward to having you back and a volunteer or staff member will be present to help make your visit prayerful and smooth.

### **Hours**

**If we have sufficient volunteers to assist**, we would like to open the church for private prayer from **Friday, May 22 to Sunday, May 31 (Pentecost) from 2 – 6 p.m. daily.**

We will adjust the hours as we work out any glitches, and as we get a sense of demand for more hours, and hopefully, as we see some possible easing of restrictions here in Anne Arundel County.

### **How Can You Help?**

We are anxious to re-open the church for prayer, as the first step toward public Masses, **but we need your help!** One volunteer is needed for each hour the church is open.

The role of the volunteer is to be present in the Gathering Space for a one-hour shift greeting and assisting parishioners who come to pray. Assistance includes directing them to designated pews for prayer, ensuring they receive a cleaning kit to clean their pew, and ensuring they know the proper protocol for restroom visits.

We will provide a simple, easy training for all those who volunteer.

If you'd like to sign-up to help cover an hour (or two!), please click the button below for the Sign-Up Genius: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090b4ba5aa22a6fd0-private>.

### **Eucharistic Adoration**

During the hours the church is open for private prayer we would like to offer Eucharistic Adoration from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm. **If you would like to sign up to help cover these hours please [click here!](#)** While we might always have more than enough people present in the church, we do need to ensure that at least one person is committed to

Adoration during the hours Jesus is visible in the monstrance on the altar. Thank you for helping!

**Thank You!**

Thank you and know how anxious we are to welcome you back! As you can see from the photos below, our facilities team of Chris and Israel have been hard at work preparing the church for your return and they have made it beautiful! I am so grateful for all they have done and all our entire staff is doing to move us forward in these days.

Please know of our prayers for each and every one of you! We look forward to seeing you soon.

Sincerely in Christ,

*Rev. Erik Arnold*





