

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION IN THE PARKING LOT OF ST PHILIPS

During this shutdown, the diocese has offered parishes the opportunity to offer Communion while in their cars after some Masses. St Philips will be offering Holy Communion to people in their cars after Mass on Sunday, February 7th (not available after the Saturday Mass) . Here is how it will work:

1. Drive into the St Philips parking lot by one of the two entrances. You will be greeted by an usher who can give you more information on the process. Vehicles stay in the line of traffic indicated by the usher.
2. All occupants of the car must wear masks and must remain in the vehicle.
3. Drive up to the priest. Put the car in park. The priest or deacon comes to the car and distributes Holy Communion through the window to each occupant; he wears his mask and the communicants keep their masks on as well during the distribution.
4. Once everyone has received communion in their hands, the priest steps back; then they may lower their mask to immediately consume Holy Communion in view of the priest or deacon. It is not permitted to receive Holy Communion to take away.
5. When safe to do so, drive ahead slowly and exit by the OTHER parking lot exit.

“We anticipate this will be a fast process. As such, please approach with the necessary interior disposition to receive Holy Communion.” ~ Fr. Bob Poole

This will be our first week trying this, and we acknowledge that it may take some time to iron out any wrinkles. Please bear with us as we refine the process. We hope to do this weekly; keep watching the bulletin to ensure when we will be doing it next.

***Our Ash Wednesday (Feb. 17) distribution of ashes will also be done in this manner on Wednesday February 17th between 12:20pm and 1pm. See the bulletin for details. Next weekend’s bulletin will have more details.**