



St. Anthony of Padua

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At the beginning of “Phase Two”, Bishop Duca wrote:

“It seems that while the “allowable occupancy level” was raised from 25% to 50% but the social distancing space is still 6 feet, this new directive will probably not change your number of spaces since most of our Churches were maxed out already with the 25% rate at 6 feet distancing. **I expect that our Churches will maintain the 6-foot spacing between individual or family household groups in the Church.** You might increase numbers per space if you have more families taking up one or two of the spaces in a pew with more than just two people. **Those attending Mass are expected to wear masks and should be instructed to do so.**”

With this being said, if you have a couple seated on each end of one pew, you cannot put someone in the middle of the pew and maintain the 6-foot distance. If possible, we ask that families attend mass together. This will help add more seating capacity.

The church must be sanitized following each mass. As of now, we have two (2) people who do this. In order to open the balcony of the church, we will need more volunteers!

Due to the limited seating and number of people attending mass, a **6:00 PM Vigil Mass** will be added at **St. Anthony Church beginning the weekend of July 11/12**, and will continue for as long as necessary. We hope this will alleviate some of the *problems* and maintain polices set forth.