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Dear Parishioners and Friends,

We are happy to announce that Bishop Stokes has approved our proposed plan to reopen our parish for in-person worship. This has been a group effort of the rector, vestry and Parish Committee on Health and Safety.

Our first in-person worship Service will take place on Sunday, September 13 at 10:00am in the church. Guidelines for in-person worship are given below. During the fall months we will provide one worship Service at 10:00am, online live-streaming will continue for those who are not able to participate in person. For parishioners unable to attend in-person worship I will provide Holy Communion to them upon request in conjunction with our parish nurse, Joyce Welliver. Requests for home Communion can be made through Kathy, our parish secretary, 609-927-6262, ccspsecretary@gmail.com.

During the fall, Sunday School and Christian Education will be conducted online by zoom. A schedule for online classes in the fall will be forthcoming.

In-Person Worship Guidelines

- **In-person Worship will resume on Sunday, September 13 at 10:00am, and will remain the schedule for gathered worship during the fall months.**
- **There will be a fifty (50) person occupancy limit per service. For people that arrive and space is not available they will be added to a priority list for the following Sunday.**
- **All State of New Jersey mandates and Diocesan directives will be recognized and followed without exception.**

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- **A hygiene station will be established in the narthex for sanitizing hands with hand sanitizer, masks are required to be worn and will be made available at this station for those who do not have them.**
- **At the hygiene station an usher will record the names and contact information of those participating in the service, in case of a reported COVID-19 infection from an individual present all participants will be notified.**
- **Holy Communion will be distributed in one kind only (the consecrated Host), the Chalice will be withheld for the time being.**
- **Markers delineating social distancing in the isle, pews and altar rail are expected to be observed by participants.**
- **Ushers will be present to guide and assist communicants without physical contact.**
- **Acolytes and lay readers are encouraged to make their assignments, wash their hands, maintain social distance, wear masks, and maintain an orderly area for vesting. Family members of the same household are encouraged to serve together.**

We look forward to seeing you!

In Christ's Peace,

Fr. Justin Falciani