

## **Updated Procedures For In-Person Worship as of February 17, 2022**

- MASKS are REQUIRED while indoors. We strongly encourage you to replace your cloth masks with a higher quality mask - the KN95 or N95 masks.
- If you have common symptoms, have tested positive, or have been exposed (unmasked contact) within the last 5 days, join us via our live stream.
- During this time of high case counts and high risk of exposure, you may prefer to join us via our live stream.
- The Clergy will continue to get tested regularly. All staff have been provided with rapid test kits, as well.
- Please notify the Parish Office if you have attended in-person worship and have tested positive for COVID. Thank you to those of you who have reported your cases to us in the past.

We do not require testing to attend in-person worship, however, if you have been around a large gathering, we strongly encourage testing before attending as a way of practicing care for the neighbor. At home COVID tests can be purchased at Wegmans or a pharmacy or retrieved from the county.

**What can I expect when I enter the building for worship?** Being greeted by a welcome guide and handed a bulletin.

**What are the COVID-19 practices?** Wear a Mask over your mouth and nose. Sit every other pew and keep 6-ft distance, unless you are seated with people with which you are podded.

**What is worship like?** Congregational singing. When worship leaders are speaking, they can unmask while they are speaking. The choir will be required to be vaccinated and wear singer masks. Communion of one kind is offered.

**What does St. Thomas' expect from you?** Please wear your mask properly over your mouth and nose at all times. All the windows of the church will be open during worship for ventilation purposes and the heat will be set higher to balance the weather outside. If you are cold natured, please plan to wear an extra layer of clothing.

Please know that we are so glad to see you. Thank you for your ongoing patience and flexibility.