

# **St. Mary of the Angels - Anderson, SC**

## **Plan for the Resumption of Masses**

**Daily Mass will begin Tuesday, May 26, 2020**

**Weekend Masses will begin May 30-31, 2020**

**Bishop Robert E. Guglielmo is granting dispensation for Masses until further notice to those who are at high risk for adverse health complications from COVID-19, or do not feel comfortable attending Mass.**

### **Who should not come to Mass?**

Parishioners who feel sick should remain at home, as should vulnerable and at-risk populations. If you are over 65 years of age, have respiratory issues or are immunocompromised, please stay home.

**People and priests are strongly encouraged to wear a mask.**

### **Mass Schedule (Temporary)**

Saturday: 4:00 PM (Church) & 4:00 PM (Hall)

Sunday: 9:30 AM (Church) & 9:30 PM (Hall)

11:00 AM (Hall) - Spanish

12:30 PM (Hall) - Spanish

6:00 PM - Temporarily Suspended due to coronavirus.

We will record the Saturday 4:00 PM mass and upload to YouTube.

### **Building Capacity with Restrictions**

One of the restrictions that the Diocese is requiring for the resumption of mass is the restriction of space. To meet this requirement there will be no social gatherings before or after mass.

We will also have to limit the number of people in the worship space to 25% of capacity while providing ample space for visitors and attendees to maintain at least six feet of separation at all times (entering, sitting, Communion procession, leaving). This means we could have **22-38 people in the church** and **44-79 people in the parish hall**. Once the capacity is reached we will not be able to allow anymore people to enter. The range of numbers is based upon a single person versus a couple or family.

In order to keep social distancing we will hand out communion at the end of mass in the foyer. We ask that as people leave we start with the last row and give 6 feet distance between each person.

### **Ensuring frequent cleaning and sanitizing.**

To ensure proper cleaning we will need two volunteers for both the church and the hall after each service to clean and sanitize frequently touched surfaces following CDC guidelines.

### **Procedures for attending Mass.**

During this period of time as we resume Masses it is important to remember that it is not business as usual. In some aspects the Mass will be different.

- Allow the ushers to seat you. Some of the pews will be blocked off and we will have to keep people 6 feet apart. This might mean your favorite pew is not available.
- We will be limited to a certain number of people for the English Masses and Spanish Masses. Unfortunately there might not be space for everyone who wants to come. Seating will be on a first come basis.
- There will be no processional or recessional.
- Since singing is hard to do with mask we will just have instrumental music.
- No procession of the offertory gifts of bread and wine should take place. They will be brought forward from a credence table in the sanctuary.
- A basket for the offertory collections will be placed in the aisle so people may drop in their offering.
- The sharing of the Sign of Peace between the faithful is to be omitted.

#### **Holy Communion requirements:**

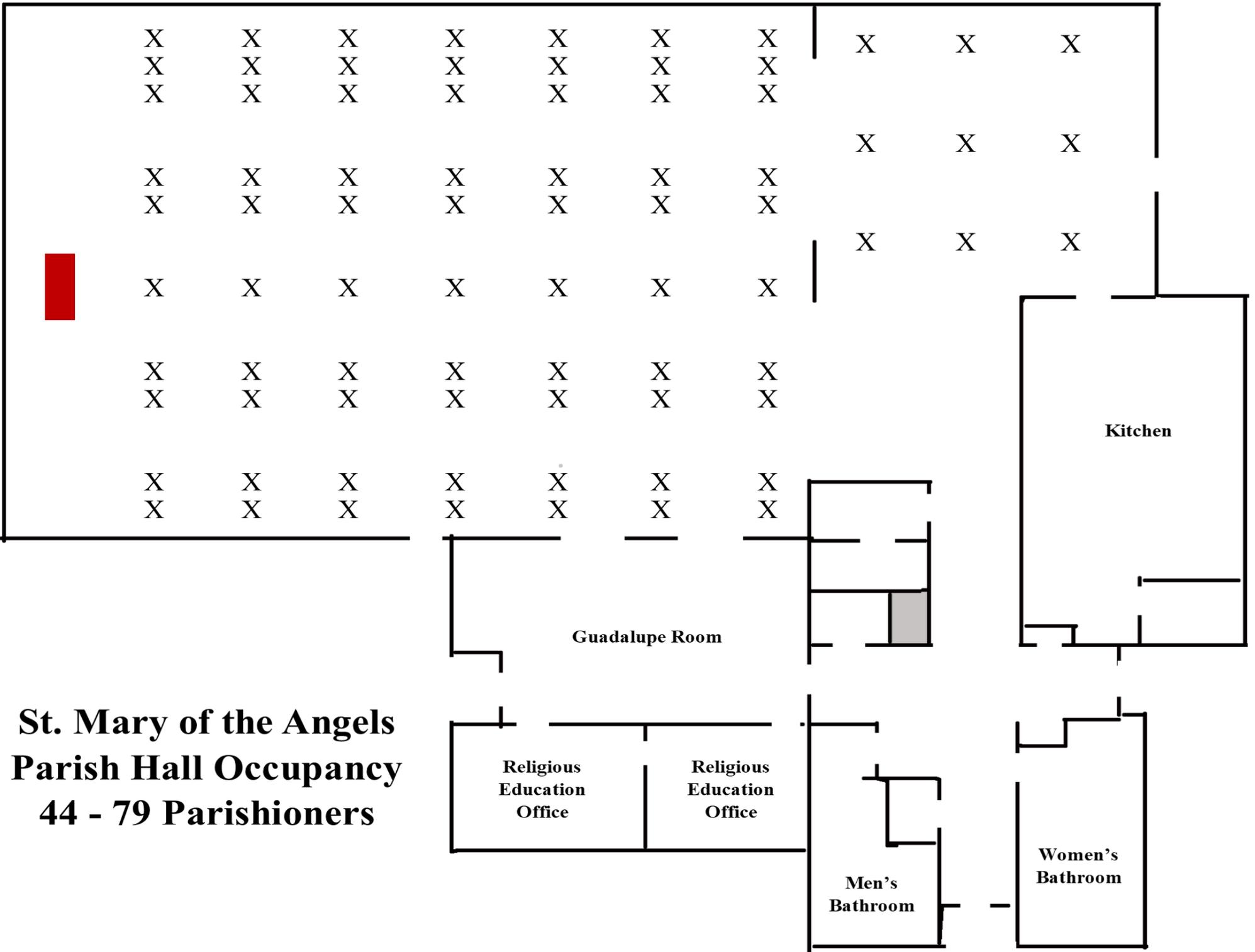
- We strongly recommend that Holy Communion be received in the hand.
- Communion under the Precious Blood is not to be offered at this time.
- Extraordinary ministers should sanitize their hands either in the sanctuary or in the pew before Communion and not at the altar.

#### **Reconciliation**

The Bishop has granted general absolution through the month of May.

-General absolution may be provided to those in attendance only.

-Private reconciliation may commence on June 1.



**St. Mary of the Angels  
Parish Hall Occupancy  
44 - 79 Parishioners**

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St. Mary of the Angles Church Occupancy - 22 to 38 Parishioners