

**St. Francis of Assisi
Johnstown, PA**

**Gentle Guidelines/Restrictions for
Seating Purposes in the Church
and
The Reception of the Holy Eucharist**

- 1. There are 2 chairs next to the walls where the Stations of the Cross are hung. A single person may sit on the OUTSIDE chair not allowing access to the other chair, or a couple living in the same residence may be seated together here.**

- 2. The open pews may be used as follows:**
 - a. 2 couples may be seated at each end of the pew;**
 - b. A family of 3 or 4 living in the same residence may occupy the pew; but**
 - c. If there is a family of 3, a single person may be seated at the end of the pew; or**
 - d. 3 single individuals may occupy a pew (1 on each end and 1 in the middle).**

- 3. Of the 4 available pews in the Chapel Wing, the first two available pews may only have a couple (living together) in that pew or 2 single persons. The third and fourth available pews in the Chapel Wing may have**
 - a. 2 couples at either end of the pew; or**
 - b. 3 single individuals occupying the pew (1 on each end and 1 in the middle).**

Receiving the Holy Eucharist

- 1. In the Chapel Wing:**
 - a. Exit the pew toward the wall where the statue of St. Anthony is now located; the white bows indicate social distancing.**
 - b. Come to the Eucharistic Minister positioned in the front center of the Chapel Wing, receive the Holy Eucharist and then proceed back to the pew using the aisle behind the organ.**

- 2. In the Main Church:**

- a. Parishioners on the side of the Church where the Sacred Heart Altar is located will proceed out of the pews first, form a single line in the Main Aisle (the white bows indicate social distancing) and come forward to receive the Holy Eucharist from either the Priest on your right or Deacon or Eucharistic Minister on your left.
- b. Those receiving from the Priest will return using the aisle where the Sacred Heart Altar is located;
- c. Those receiving from the Deacon or Eucharistic Minister will return up the aisle of the Blessed Virgin Mary Altar, across the back and then down the aisle of the Sacred Heart Altar to your pew.
- d. When all Parishioners on the Sacred Heart Altar side are finished then Parishioners on the Blessed Virgin Mary Altar side will proceed down the Main Aisle to the Priest on the right or the Deacon or Eucharistic Minister on the left.
- e. Those receiving from the Priest will proceed up the aisle of the Sacred Heart Altar, across the back and down the Blessed Virgin Mary Altar aisle to re-enter their pew;
- f. Those receiving from the Deacon or Eucharistic Minister will proceed up the aisle of the Blessed Virgin Mary Altar to re-enter their pew.
- g. Those seated in their chairs will wait and the Holy Eucharist will be brought to you by the Priest or Deacon or Eucharistic Minister.

If these regulations/restrictions are not followed we will be forced to return to the Activity Center!