



Ministry in the midst of COVID-19

ST. JOHN CATHOLIC CHURCH, WESTMINSTER MD

Where we are:

- ▶ We are providing:
 - ▶ Mass
 - ▶ Sacraments
 - ▶ Perpetual Adoration
 - ▶ High School Youth Ministry
 - ▶ Parish Center staff is on campus.
- ▶ The Parish Office is still closed.
- ▶ Masks are required inside, sanitization and social distancing.

Why Youth Ministry?

- ▶ According to the Risk Matrix provided by the Archdiocese of Baltimore, Youth Ministry incurs the lowest risk because the students are old enough to follow social distancing practices while at the same time, they are not part of the at-risk population.

The Next Month:

- ▶ SJS opens August 31st
- ▶ Working on a plan for resuming Faith Formation activities for our students.
 - ▶ FF will most likely not include formation that is both indoors and in person.

When can Your Ministry Resume?

- ▶ If you can meet outdoors on campus, you can resume ministry now.
 - ▶ Ministries will only be able to meet outdoors until further notice.
- ▶ Outdoor spaces will NOT be “reserved” but will be available on a first come, first served basis.
 - ▶ No meetings while SJS is in session (7am-4pm M-F)
 - ▶ No meetings can meet during Masses

Other Recommendations

- ▶ Virtual meetings via Zoom in place of in-person meetings.
- ▶ In-Home: If your ministry chooses to meet in person at someone's home, it automatically becomes a private event.
 - ▶ Home meets are NOT sponsored by St. John.

Other Considerations

- ▶ 90 Day Sanitization procedure is possible
- ▶ Parish Office will open to the public September 8th by appointment only.
- ▶ The Portico will primarily be used for overflow masses and Faith Formation set-up. No retreats, fundraisers, events etc., can be scheduled at this time.
- ▶ Fundraising during this pandemic means no indoor fundraisers.