

Dear Parishioners,

With the announcement this week that Bridgewater is again a **“RED ZONE,”** our policies for group gatherings and **indoor Masses** will be adjusted based on Archdiocesan and State guidelines as well as our desire to keep you safe.

### **GROUP GATHERINGS**

Per Archdiocesan guidelines, parishes in the red zone are not permitted to have any Faith Formation or social gatherings. Therefore, the following events have been **CANCELLED** until further notice:

- Faith Formation Adoration Night (Sun. Dec. 13<sup>th</sup>)
- Advent Faith & Fraternity Meetings (Mon. Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>)
- Usher Trainings (Dec. 13<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, & 16<sup>th</sup>)

### **INDOOR MASSES**

- **Upon arrival, every person will have their temperature checked** by one of our trained ushers with a no-touch thermometer. Anyone with a temperature over 100.4°F will be asked not to enter.
- **Contact Tracing Protocols will be followed.** One person per family must give their name and phone number to a volunteer so we can get in touch with you if someone at that Mass reports a positive test.

Please note, the new protocols above apply only to indoor Masses and will remain in place until Bridgewater is removed from the “red zone” list. All other safety protocols including the wearing of masks and social distancing will remain in place.

**All of our regularly scheduled Masses will be held and the **Christmas Mass Schedule** has not been changed. *We encourage everyone to arrive early to allow time for the new safety procedures to be carried out.***

We would like to reiterate that the Cardinal’s dispensation from attending Sunday Mass is still in place. If you feel more comfortable staying at home, please note that you can watch a live broadcast of our 10:30 AM Sunday Masses through our website or Facebook page.

If you have any questions, please call our parish office at 508-697-9528.

We thank you for your patience and support as we reimplement these protocols.

May God bless you, your family and our parish,  
Fr. Devine & St. Thomas Aquinas Staff