

Our Lady of the Fields Church

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Special notification regarding a Covid-19 case at Our Lady of the Fields

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Dear Parishioners,

During the ongoing pandemic, our parish has worked to keep the wellbeing of our parish community at the center of all our planning and decisions. As challenging as these times are, we are committed to proper safety measures, transparent communication, and responsibly adapting to emerging circumstances.

It has come to our attention that a **third staff member at Our Lady of the Fields** has tested positive for the coronavirus (COVID-19). Our parish leadership has been in communication with Archdiocesan officials to ensure that all necessary follow-up procedures are undertaken in an efficient manner. We encourage those who fall into a vulnerable category, those who have not received the vaccine and/or those who are at greater risk for exposure to COVID-19, to actively monitor your health and be alert to any of the symptoms of the virus, including, but not limited to, fever, cough, sore throat, and shortness of breath.

Should any concerning symptoms appear, please do not hesitate to contact your medical professional or, if severe, call 911. Should you or a member of your household receive a positive coronavirus test, please alert the parish office at info@olfparish.com or 410-923-7060 so that appropriate action can be taken.

We recognize that this news may generate concern, anxiety, and hesitation for our parishioners. We encourage everyone to wisely assess their own personal situation and to make decisions that will protect the health of all involved. Currently, in the Archdiocese of Baltimore, masks are not required but highly recommended for those who are unvaccinated or whose health is at a great risk. If you are unvaccinated and coming to church, please wear a mask so as not to infect yourself or others to be exposed the virus.

We want to ensure each of you of our deep concern and care for our parish community, especially the protection of our young people. **In September, Fr. Jack instituted a policy that mandates that all young people and adults are to wear a mask while inside at all events involving young people (Faith formation, Confirmation, Youth Ministry, etc.)**

The coronavirus remains a significant public health risk, and each of us has a responsibility to act safely based upon the most current information on hand.

Let us pray for our staff and parish and keep one another in prayer as we continue our journey of faith.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Fr. Jack Ward
Pastor

Fr. Matt Himes
Associate Pastor

Cc: Archdiocese of Baltimore Office of Risk Management