



# Holy Family Parish Nazareth, PA

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TO: Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion  
FROM: Rev. Jason F. Stokes  
RE: Mass Updates

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Dear Extraordinary Ministers:

Thank you for your continued dedication to Holy Family Parish! Your assistance allows us to provide our Eucharistic Lord to our Parishioners. This is a very important role and service to our Parish.

I wanted to offer a few reminders and share a few changes for our Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion during Mass.

- Distribution of Holy Communion:
  - o During the Lamb of God: approach the Altar and bow prior to entering the sanctuary.
  - o Stand next to the Altar Servers. The Priest will give the Extraordinary Ministers and Altar Servers Communion – all on the same level (Extraordinary Ministers should remain next to the Altar Servers).
  - o The Priest or Deacon will hand you a ciborium filled with consecrated Hosts. Walk to your Communion station to distribute Holy Communion. You should always walk in front of the Altar (not between the Altar and Tabernacle).
  - o Upon completion of distribution of Holy Communion at your Communion Station, check with the Ushers to determine if any Parishioners in the back of the Church need you to bring them Communion.
  - o Return to the sanctuary and stand at the same place where you received Communion. The Priest or Deacon will take the ciborium from you and place it back on the Altar.
- Communion to the Home Bound (those taking Communion to Parishioners who are unable to attend Mass)
  - o Go into the sacristy before Mass and fill your pyx with as many hosts you require (keep the pyx opened).
  - o Place the pyx on the tray.
  - o If you are distributing Communion during Mass – stay in the sanctuary (near the Ambo) after handing your ciborium back to the Priest or Deacon after Communion.
  - o If you are not distributing Communion during Mass – enter the sanctuary and stand near the Ambo once the Tabernacle is closed.
  - o The Priest or Deacon will bring the tray with the pyx carrying the Blessed Sacrament. Take your pyx.
  - o The Priest or Deacon will give you a blessing and dismiss you to bring Communion to the home bound.
  - o Leave the Church immediately and head to the home bound (do not return to the pew or stay until the end of Mass).

Once again, thank you for your service to our Parish. Please feel free to approach me if you have any questions.

Sincerely yours in Christ,  
*Rev. Jason F. Stokes*  
Pastor

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