

Dear members of Holy Trinity community:

As we have seen in the past few weeks, the number of persons infected with COVID-19 has increased. More importantly, the infection rate has increased dramatically over the past few days. Accomac County is seeing a dramatic increase in the number of cases even since last week. As of yesterday our county was at a 10.66% positivity level, which is an alarming rise. Due to this alarming increase, the Health Equity Team has met, and their recommendations are as follows:

Sunday Holy Eucharist

Masks and social distancing are required.

People need to sit in every other pew to ensure social distancing.

Ushers will transition worshippers in and out in an orderly fashion.

Congregational singing is suspended until the positivity rates are below 8%.

Everyone remains in place during the peace.

Communion will continue in both kinds following the protocol below:

A tray of consecrated wafers and consecrated wine in disposable cups will be on a table at the bottom of the chancel steps. Those wishing to receive communion may go forward, one at a time, pick up a wafer and cup, return to their seats where they can consume the sacrament. Please leave the cups in the pews; the ushers will pick them up after the service.

The prayer for spiritual Holy Communion will be said at the end of the Eucharistic Prayer.

Bible Study will be held in the Parish hall with chairs placed six feet apart. All participants must wear masks.

No food or beverages will be allowed at any gathering.

Outside groups may continue if they mask and social distance while in the facility. No food or beverages will be consumed in a group setting, and outside food or beverages are prohibited.

The Health Equity Team will meet every week for the foreseeable future to assess the situation, and will make adjustments to their recommendations to me and the Senior Warden as appropriate.

Please keep each other in prayer, be safe, and continue to be faithful in your patience.

God's Peace

Fr. Ed and Carl