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**SCHEDULE FOR
LECTORS AND
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION**

SCHEDULE RUNS FROM: JANUARY 1 THROUGH MARCH 30/31, 2024

If for any reason you are unable to minister as you are scheduled, you are asked to find a substitute or switch with another minister. A roster is attached for your reference.

Please review the roster as there have been some additions and changes to contact information.

Prayer for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Loving Father, as we gather in your service, help us to fully understand the magnificence of your Son's sacrifice for us and the wonder of your presence in the Holy Eucharist.

Guide and instill in us perseverance and a willingness to do your will.

Open our hearts to others as we invite them to your table to share your precious gifts.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, who lives with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit God for ever and ever. Amen.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH—GREECE, NY (UPDATED DECEMBER 2023)

Many thanks to those who are willing and able to minister at our church as we continue to observe protocols keeping us all safe. To those who are not yet able to minister, please know we respect and support your decision and look forward to the day you are ready to resume serving in your Ministry. Please give the church office a call if there is any change to your status.

We will continue to provide you with this Communication Page as a guide as we carry on with our ministries, keeping the health and safety of everyone in mind. No matter your role, please be sure to review this entire document so you are well informed.

We continue to assign 3 Sacred Host EMOHCs (Eucharistic Ministers of Holy Communion) per Mass, one of whom will be the “runner” as determined by the Mass Leader. Each Mass will have 1 Lector. Please note there still will be no Precious Blood Ministers.

We remind you that 3 EMOHCs may not always be needed at each Mass. Requirements depend upon Priest and/or Deacon participation in the distribution of Holy Communion. Each Mass Leader will know before Mass begins how many EMOHCs are needed and, if all 3 are not needed, someone can stand down. While it would be optimum for everyone scheduled to serve, our current situation does not always support this. We continue to ask for and appreciate your patience and understanding as we minister through these unique times.

NOTE: EMOHCs have resumed our practice of wearing crucifixes while performing their duties during Mass. Since there are no Precious Blood ministers at this time, the cords for these crucifixes are all white. Please be sure to return the crucifixes to the Robing Room at the end of Mass.

PLEASE NOTE:

**** As of the date of this schedule's preparation, ministers are not required to wear masks. Please use your own discretion and wear a mask while ministering if you wish to do so. HAND SANITIZATION IS STILL REQUIRED. ****

In the absence of an altar server, it is the role of the Lector to ring the bells during consecration. Bells are rung 3 times: First time is when the priest lays his hands over both the Ciborium and Chalice (containing the bread and wine). The second time is when the priest elevates the Ciborium with the Sacred Body and the third and final time is when the priest elevates the Chalice with the Most Precious Blood.

The following is a guideline for the Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMOHC) to assist you in performing your duties in this role:

1. Prior to the start of Mass, the leader will need to find out who is saying Mass, if there is a Deacon present for the Mass, if the people in the choir loft will receive communion, and who will be the “runner.” The leader will then advise the assigned ministers as to how many ministers are needed, who is the “runner,” and if communion needs to be distributed to the choir/music leader. The leader must also make sure an Usher is ready to direct the “runner” to the parishioners that need to receive. The Usher needs to carry sanitizer in case someone receives the host on the tongue. If that happens, the minister must sanitize his/her hands after giving that person the host.
2. After the priest has given the sign of peace, the assigned EMOHCs should leave their seats and stand at the foot of the altar, where you have always stood.
3. After Father has consumed the Most Precious Blood, proceed to the altar, stop and use the sanitizer, and then stand behind the altar as you have done in the past and receive Holy Communion. If you choose to wear a mask, raise or lower your mask to receive the Body of Christ. Then, after you have received, return your mask to its position, being sure your nose and mouth are covered.
4. After you have received the Body of Christ, GO BACK TO SANITIZE YOUR HANDS AGAIN. Then return to your place at the Altar. Then you should receive the ciborium from Father/Deacon/or designated person.
5. If you are assigned to be the “runner,” please stand to Father’s left as you are facing the congregation. You will receive a small gold ciborium and then proceed down to the Usher designated to take you to the parishioners that need to receive. The “runner” should never have a large silver ciborium. The large silver ciborium remains with those at the altar.
6. After receiving their ciboria, the Eucharistic Ministers will proceed to their designated spots to distribute communion.
Note: Only the priest or deacon gives communion to the Ministers on the altar (altar servers, Lector, Eucharistic Ministers, Cantor etc.).
7. Ministers should drop the host into the communicant's hand, thus avoiding hands touching between the minister and the communicant.

8. If the choir is to receive communion, the “runner” should proceed to the choir loft and distribute communion. If the choir is busy, there is a pyx on the organ for you to place the host/s within.
9. Once the “runner” has completed distributing Holy Communion to the congregation and choir, proceed to stand behind the Priest/Deacon/EMOHC that is distributing in the center aisle. Stand behind them until their line is complete. The only time you may distribute communion in the center is if the person distributing communion in the center requests assistance with that line.
10. Once distribution is completed, take your ciborium back up to the Altar and the Deacon/or designated person will take it from you as they have done in the past. Be sure to remove your crucifix and return it to the Robing Room (one of the EMOHCs may volunteer to do this for all serving).
11. Although you may want to join another minister and help with their line once your line is completed, please do not do so in respect of our social distancing practices. The only exceptions are if assistance is requested with the line at the center aisle, or if a minister cannot complete their line (e.g., if they run out of consecrated Hosts).
12. Remember, sanitize your hands twice before you start distributing communion.
13. If you are acting in place of the Deacon, before you go to the Tabernacle, you must first sanitize your hands, then go to the tabernacle and bring the ciboria up to the altar. Then take your place behind the priest and wait for the other EMOHCs to join you.
14. **IMPORTANT:** If, during the distribution of Communion, a recipient receives the host on their tongue, the EMOHC must immediately proceed to the small white table at the foot of the altar, place their ciborium on the table, sanitize their hands and then proceed back to the communion line to finish distributing communion. Note that Father carries a purificator used to cleanse his hands after distributing Communion on the tongue.

Thank you for being a volunteer and for all the service you provide to the St. John’s Parish Community.

We continue to adapt to the “new normal,” so please continue to understand that these guidelines are subject to change, and may be amended at a moment’s notice.

We will communicate to you any updates that may come about prior to the next schedule’s release.

***THANK YOU, EVERYONE, FOR YOUR CARE, CONCERN AND DEDICATION TO SERVE.
GOD BLESS US ONE AND ALL!***

MASSES OF JANUARY 1
SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD
Mass Leaders will look to fill positions for Masses on this day.

MASSES OF JANUARY 6/7
THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

SATURDAY, 4:00 PM MASS

LECTOR: Wayne Howard

EMOHC: Jill Finan, Dan Kabasin, Melissa Kabasin

SUNDAY, 8:00 AM MASS

LECTOR: Debbie Smith

EMOHC: Alan Christodaro, Barb Gotham, Bob Gotham

SUNDAY, 10:00 AM MASS

LECTOR: Patricia Hoag

EMOHC: Kathy Christodaro, Deb Colby, Michael Kirchoff

MASSES OF JANUARY 13/14
2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SATURDAY, 4:00 PM MASS

LECTOR: Marianne Katz

EMOHC: Kim Buda, Angela DiStefano, Chris Hoefler

SUNDAY, 8:00 AM MASS

LECTOR: Mary Martha Ryan

EMOHC: Maureen Beattie, Sharon Fien, Tom Fien

SUNDAY, 10:00 AM MASS

LECTOR: Paul Parkman

EMOHC: Karen Cottorone-Young, James Pellman, Donna Schmidt

MASSES OF JANUARY 20/21
3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SATURDAY, 4:00 PM MASS

LECTOR: Jill Finan

EMOHC: Angela DiStefano, Melissa Kabasin, Dan Kabasin

SUNDAY, 8:00 AM MASS

LECTOR: Maureen Beattie

EMOHC: Alan Christodaro, Ron Keiser, Carolyn Kerhaert

SUNDAY, 10:00 AM MASS

LECTOR: Richard Jacobs

EMOHC: Patricia Hoag, Pam Tofany-Kern, Paul Parkman

MASSES OF JANUARY 27/28
4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SATURDAY, 4:00 PM MASS

LECTOR: Jessica Wunsch

EMOHC: Kim Buda, Angela DiStefano, Jill Finan

SUNDAY, 8:00 AM MASS

LECTOR: Ron Keiser

EMOHC: Maria Baez, Patty Borden, Mary Martha Ryan

SUNDAY, 10:00 AM MASS

LECTOR: Joe Sansone

EMOHC: Deb Colby, Maureen Gardner, James Pellman

**MASSES OF FEBRUARY 3/4
5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

SATURDAY, 4:00 PM MASS

LECTOR: Dominick Zarcone

EMOHC: Chris Hoefler, Dan Kabasin, Melissa Kabasin

SUNDAY, 8:00 AM MASS

LECTOR: Jonathan Verdun

EMOHC: Alan Christodaro, Barb Gotham, Bob Gotham

SUNDAY, 10:00 AM MASS

LECTOR: Patricia Hoag

EMOHC: Karen Bessette, Maureen Gardner, Paul Parkman

**MASSES OF FEBRUARY 10/11
6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

SATURDAY, 4:00 PM MASS

LECTOR: Marianne Katz

EMOHC: Kim Buda, Jill Finan, Chris Hoefler

SUNDAY, 8:00 AM MASS

LECTOR: Rick Paoletti

EMOHC: Patty Borden, Sharon Fien, Tom Fien

SUNDAY, 10:00 AM MASS

LECTOR: Paul Parkman

EMOHC: Pam Tofany-Kern, Cheryl Watt, Michael Watt

**MASSES OF FEBRUARY 14
ASH WEDNESDAY**
Mass Leaders will look to fill positions on this day.

**MASSES OF FEBRUARY 17/18
1ST SUNDAY OF LENT**

SATURDAY, 4:00 PM MASS

LECTOR: Wayne Howard

EMOHC: Kim Buda, Angela DiStefano, Chris Hoefler

SUNDAY, 8:00 AM MASS

LECTOR: Debbie Smith

EMOHC: Patty Borden, Carolyn Kerhaert, Mary Martha Ryan

SUNDAY, 10:00 AM MASS

LECTOR: Richard Jacobs

EMOHC: Karen Cottorone-Young, Patricia Hoag, Michael Kirchoff

**MASSES OF FEBRUARY 24/25
2ND SUNDAY OF LENT**

SATURDAY, 4:00 PM MASS

LECTOR: Jill Finan

EMOHC: Chris Hoefler, Dan Kabasin, Melissa Kabasin

SUNDAY, 8:00 AM MASS

LECTOR: Mary Martha Ryan

EMOHC: Maureen Beattie, Barb Gotham, Bob Gotham

SUNDAY, 10:00 AM MASS

LECTOR: Joe Sansone

EMOHC: Kathy Christodaro, Maureen Gardner, Donna Schmidt

**MASSES OF MARCH 2/3
3RD SUNDAY OF LENT**

SATURDAY, 4:00 PM MASS

LECTOR: Jessica Wunsch

EMOHC: Jill Finan, Dan Kabasin, Melissa Kabasin

SUNDAY, 8:00 AM MASS

LECTOR: Maureen Beattie

EMOHC: Patty Borden, Alan Christodaro, Ron Keiser

SUNDAY, 10:00 AM MASS

LECTOR: Patricia Hoag

EMOHC: Deb Colby, Cheryl Watt, Michael Watt

**MASSES OF MARCH 9/10
4TH SUNDAY OF LENT**

SATURDAY, 4:00 PM MASS

LECTOR: Dominick Zarcone

EMOHC: Kim Buda, Angela DiStefano, Jill Finan

SUNDAY, 8:00 AM MASS

LECTOR: Ron Keiser

EMOHC: Carolyn Kerhaert, Barb Gotham, Bob Gotham

SUNDAY, 10:00 AM MASS

LECTOR: Paul Parkman

EMOHC: Karen Bessette, Kathy Christodaro, Michael Kirchoff

**MASSES OF MARCH 16/17
5TH SUNDAY OF LENT**

SATURDAY, 4:00 PM MASS

LECTOR: Marianne Katz

EMOHC: Jill Finan, Dan Kabasin, Melissa Kabasin

SUNDAY, 8:00 AM MASS

LECTOR: Jonathan Verdun

EMOHC: Maria Baez, Maureen Beattie, Carolyn Kerhaert

SUNDAY, 10:00 AM MASS

LECTOR: Richard Jacobs

EMOHC: Patricia Hoag, Cheryl Watt, Michael Watt

**MASSES OF MARCH 23/24
PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD**

SATURDAY, 4:00 PM MASS

LECTOR: Wayne Howard

EMOHC: Kim Buda, Angela DiStefano, Chris Hoefler

SUNDAY, 8:00 AM MASS

LECTOR: Rick Paoletti

EMOHC: Sharon Fien, Tom Fien, Mary Martha Ryan

SUNDAY, 10:00 AM MASS

LECTOR: Joe Sansone

EMOHC: Paul Parkman, James Pellman, Donna Schmidt

MASSES OF MARCH 28 (HOLY THURSDAY)
MASSES OF MARCH 29 (GOOD FRIDAY)
MASS OF MARCH 30 (EASTER VIGIL)
Mass Leaders will look to fill positions at these Masses.

MASSES OF MARCH 31
EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

SUNDAY, 8:00 AM MASS

LECTOR: Debbie Smith

EMOHC: Maria Baez, Maureen Beattie, Ron Keiser

SUNDAY, 10:00 AM MASS

LECTOR: Patricia Hoag

EMOHC: Karen Cottorone-Young, Karen Bessette, Pam Tofany-Kern