

**HOLY FAMILY ROCKLAND
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INTERIM GUIDELINES FOR FUNERAL MASSES DURING THE PANDEMIC

1. Funeral Masses will be able to be celebrated on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 9:00 AM in the Main Church.
2. Unfortunately, the number of mourners will be limited to 45. And since these are also the times for our only parish weekday Masses during the pandemic, up to 30 other persons will be allowed to attend from the parish.
3. A parish staff person will speak with a family member by phone, not face to face, before the Funeral to receive information about the deceased. Readings and hymns will be chosen by the parish staff. A eulogy should be done at the wake or at the cemetery or at a reception after the burial.
4. A parish staff member will do a brief prayer service at the funeral home before the public wake begins. And the prayers at the cemetery will be done by a staff member also.
5. The funeral home staff must provide a list of the persons who will attend the Mass and their phone numbers. And the funeral home staff will seat the mourners in the designated seating toward the front of the Church.
6. Masks must be worn in Church at all times and social distancing observed.
7. The prescribed process for Holy Communion will be explained. One must wear a mask even as one comes up to receive communion.

Please be aware that we at Holy Family are offering these reduced options for funerals for two basic reasons. One: During the pandemic extensive sanitizing must be done after each use of the Church. Two: These precautions aim to protect our staff in consideration of issues of health and age. Thank you for understanding.

Fr. Jim Hickey

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