

## **Chapel Is Now Open Starting May 17, 2020**

The Archdiocese of Newark has outlined a Three (3) Phase Plan for creating a new normal for parish life and communal worship. The first of those three phases goes into effect this Sunday, May 17th. This phase begins with the opening of churches for private prayer for a few hours each day with the following instructions:

1. Churches may be opened solely for personal prayer during limited and designated hours. Individuals and families enter the church for quiet prayer only. During opening hours, a parish staff member must be physically present in the church to ensure social distancing and sanitizing. No gatherings are permitted.
2. In accord with national, state and local health directives, those who show symptoms of COVID-19 or who have been exposed to an infected person are not permitted to enter the church for 14 days.
3. Holy water fonts must remain empty until further notice.
4. Hand sanitizer should be made available throughout the church.
5. Public celebrations of liturgies, devotions, or other group prayer are not permitted at this time.
6. **Masks must be worn** by all individuals while in the church.
7. Individuals and families must maintain social distancing (six feet) between each person while in the church.

### **Open Chapel Hours at St. John the Baptist**

Monday - Saturday, 10:00am to 1:00pm

Sunday, 11:00am to 1:00pm

**Note: The Main Church is closed as renovations continue and we hope to have them completed by July 31st.**

### **Sacrament of Reconciliation by Appointment**

- A. Confessionals are not to be used.
- B. Social distancing must be maintained by those waiting for the sacrament and attention be given to maintaining the seal.
- C. Masks must be worn by confessor and penitent.