

MEMO

TO: All Priests & Parishes of the Diocese of Norwich
FROM: Father Peter Langevin
RE: Further Clarification on Capacity Limits – Phase 2.1
DATE: 6 November, 2020

As you may be aware, yesterday afternoon Governor Lamont issued Executive Order No. 9K amending previous Executive Orders concerning limitations on religious gatherings as the State moves back to phase 2.1 of its reopening plan. Accordingly, the limitations for all religious, spiritual and worship gatherings currently in effect are as follows:

*“Executive Order No. 7TT, Section 2, as amended by Executive Order No. 9F, Section 1, is amended to provide that **religious, spiritual, or worship gatherings, if held indoors, are limited to no more than 50 percent of the building’s capacity or a maximum of 100 people, whichever is lower, and such services, if held outdoors, are limited to the number of people that can be accommodated safely by the venue or location, provided that all persons present wear masks, unless speaking from designated safe locations, and that a distance of 6 feet is maintained between all persons or groups not from the same household.**”*

Please note that this order took effect at 12:01 a.m. this morning and remains in effect until further modified or terminated by the Governor. Any weddings, baptisms and memorial services will fall under the same restrictions but we have been advised by the Governor’s Office that, while not presently in any Executive Order, post ceremony gatherings on church grounds will be limited to 25 people indoors and 50 outdoors.

Thank you once again for your careful attention to these matters as well as for all your efforts as you continue to serve the faithful entrusted to your care in these challenging times. May God bless and keep you as well as those you serve safe and healthy!