

# Changes to Holy Communion

The Diocese of Toledo wants all Catholics to attend Mass knowing they are safe and protected. At The Historic Church of Saint Patrick, the goal is to keep close contact among parishioners to a minimum. The most noticeable way this will happen is with the distribution of Holy Communion.

## New Communion Practice:

After the consecration on the altar, the only people to receive the Body of Christ will be the priest, deacon and lector(s).



Following the final blessing, parishioners will be excused by ushers, pew by pew to exit the rear of the church, beginning with the pews closest to the front doors. Waiting in the back will be the priest and deacon, who will offer the Body of Christ to those who wish to receive Jesus as they exit the church.

The Body of Christ **must** be received in the hand.

***Bishop Daniel Thomas has provided special dispensation to allow parishioners at Mass to have spiritual communion only, for those who wish.***