



## COMMUNICATION ABOUT RETURNING TO MASS

Great news! Archbishop Pérez has announced that parishes of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia will be able to resume public Masses the weekend of June 6 and 7. We at St. Patrick Church look forward to welcoming you back! **Let us keep our eyes fixed on Jesus as we make our way back to the in person celebration of the Mass.**

While our county remains in the Yellow Phase of statewide reopening, all of us need to do our part to make sure that our return to Mass is a peaceful and safe experience for all. Please take the time to read the instructions below. We ask everyone to follow these guidelines when attending Mass during this period:

### GENERAL POINTS

- The obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation continues to be lifted during the Yellow Phase. You are not required to attend Mass at this time.
- Please stay home if you are sick.
- Please stay home if you are at higher risk of severe illness with COVID19. If you are uncertain about your risk status, please consult your doctor and also the CDC Guidelines at the link below.
  - Click here to read the CDC Guidelines for those at higher risk:  
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/need-extra-precautions/people-at-higher-risk.html>
- Mass will continue to be available via live-stream.
- **MASS SCHEDULE---Saturday 4 pm (English); 6 pm (Spanish); Sunday 8 am (Spanish); 10 am (English); 12 pm (Spanish)**
- We will live stream the Saturday Masses at 4 pm in English and 6 pm in Spanish which will both be found on Facebook and our Webpage. They will also be available to be seen later and on Sunday.

## **BEFORE COMING TO MASS**

- Out of Charity, please consider only returning to Mass if you have had the Coronavirus after waiting fourteen days of being symptom-free.
- Please wash your hands for 20 seconds using soap and water.
- Before entering the Church, please put on a face mask or cloth covering. Exceptions to this are “children younger than 2 years old, anyone who has trouble breathing or is unconscious, and anyone who is incapacitated or otherwise unable to remove the cloth face covering without assistance” (CDC Guidelines).
- Please do not come to Mass if you are sick or are at higher risk for severe illness with COVID19 (see above).
- Missalettes will not be in the pews during this period. You are welcome to bring your own missal/readings with you.

## **ENTERING THE CHURCH**

- Front doors will be open. Hand sanitizers will be available.
- Church bulletins will be found in the back of the Church.

## **SEATING**

- When taking your seat, please honor all posted signs about where you may sit. Every other pew will be open to ensure proper social distancing.
- Members of the same household may sit together as normal. Please place 6 feet between your household and members of a different household.

## **DURING MASS**

- There will be no Sign of Peace during Mass during the Yellow Phase.
- The Precious Blood will not be distributed during Mass during the Yellow Phase.
- There should be no holding of hands during the Our Father.
- Please wear your mask at all times except when receiving the Eucharist.
- The collection will be taken up as usual during the Offertory because we have long-handled baskets.

## **RECEPTION OF HOLY COMMUNION**

- Please maintain social distancing in the Communion line. Please keep several pews between yourself and the person in front of you while in line and when returning to your pew.
- There will be only one Communion line in the center aisle of the Church.
- During the Yellow Phase, the faithful are asked to receive Holy Communion in the hand.
- Please remove your mask before receiving Holy Communion.

## **EXITING THE CHURCH**

- At the conclusion of Mass, please exit the Church and proceed directly to your car. Please do not congregate for any reason.
- Please take a parish bulletin home with you
- Please leave your mask on until you exit the Church.

## **OUR COMMITMENT TO YOU**

St. Patrick Church will follow the guidelines from the CDC for sanitation as we resume public Masses.

- To view the CDC guidelines, visit: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/php/faith-based.html>
- The Church will be cleaned and sanitized after each Mass.