

Resumption of Public Mass during the Restricted (Yellow) Phase

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. Delaware County currently remains in the Yellow Phase. Please take notice of the instructions below. All are asked to follow these when attending Mass during this period. Many thanks!

GENERAL POINTS

- The obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation continues to be **SUSPENDED** during this time. 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.
- Sunday Mass and certain Weekday Masses will continue to be available online at holycrosscatholics.org

MASS SCHEDULE

- Sunday Masses: 4:30pm (Vigil), 8:30am, and 11:00am
- Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Saturday Masses at 8:30am
- Please note: no public Mass on Friday during Restricted Phase (available online)
- Confessions (Lower Church): Saturdays 3:30-4:15pm (Please wear a mask)

BEFORE COMING TO MASS

- 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 (per CDC Guidelines) children younger than 2 years old, anyone who has trouble breathing, and anyone who is incapacitated or otherwise unable to remove a cloth face covering without assistance.
- **AGAIN: Please do not come to Mass if you are sick or are at higher risk for severe illness with COVID19.**
- Missalettes will not be in the pews during this period. You are welcome to bring your own missal/readings with you.

ENTERING THE CHURCH

- There will be only one set of doors open on each side
- Hand sanitizing stations will be available at each vestibule.
- Please use the hand sanitizer upon entering and exiting the Church.
- Parishioners are encouraged to bring their own personal hand sanitizer and/or wipes

SEATING

- Every third 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 collection taken up during the Offertory.
- A Collection Basket will be located in the front center of the sanctuary. Offerings may be placed there either upon entering church or upon leaving after Mass. Offerings may continue to be mailed in or dropped off (drop box outside parish office or at front door of rectory). Please consider the option of electronic parish giving (parishgiving.org)
- There will be no Sign of Peace during Mass.
- The Precious Blood will not be distributed.
- Only Cry Room restroom is available (advisable to avoid public restroom use if possible).

RECEPTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

- Holy Communion will be distributed from the Center Aisle Only
- Please maintain social distancing in the Communion line and returning (6 feet).
- All are asked to receive Holy Communion in the hand.
- Anyone receiving on the tongue is kindly asked to present himself last out of respect for other communicants since hand sanitizing is required per archdiocesan directives.
- Please remove your mask before receiving Holy Communion and then reaffix.

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.
- All are welcome to take a parish bulletin home with you.
- Bulletins will not be handed out
- Please leave your mask on until you exit the Church.

YOUR HOLY CROSS PARISH FAMILY

- Know that parish staff will strive to follow the guidelines from the CDC for sanitation as we resume public Masses.
- All can help by wiping their area (if personal wipes are brought) before leaving.
- Our first couple of weeks in the Restricted Phase will likely involve some trial and error. Please be patient as we adjust to the “new normal.” THANK YOU!!!
- OUR LADY OF THE HOLY CROSS! PRAY FOR US!