



May 31, 2020

Dear Parishioners,

We have been missing one another during this pandemic and longing to be together at the table of the Lord. We are happy to share that Archbishop Pérez has announced public Masses are to resume the weekend of June 6 and 7. Here at the Partnering Parishes of Sacred Heart, Clifton Heights, St. Hedwig, Chester and St. Charles Borromeo, Drexel Hill we 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 area 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 and 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.
 - **Beginning Sunday, June 7, 2020, the time for the Live Stream Mass will move from 9AM to 10AM on Sundays.**
 - In addition, Live Stream Mass is also available at 11AM at the Cathedral-Basilica of Ss. Peter and Paul website and EWTN Network.

WEEKEND MASS AND CONFESSION SCHEDULE

- Sacred Heart Church, Clifton Heights: Saturday Vigil Mass at 4:00PM; Sunday morning Mass at 7:30A.M. [**Confessions on Saturday from 3:00-3:45P.M.**]
- St. Hedwig Church, Chester: Sunday morning at 9:15A.M.
- St. Charles Borromeo Church, Drexel Hill: Saturday Vigil Mass at 5:30P.M.; Sunday morning at 10:00A.M. and Sunday afternoon at 4:00P.M. [**Confessions on Saturday from 4:30-5:15 P.M.**]

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 children younger than 2 years old.
- Please bring your own worship aid or missal with you since missalettes will not be in the pews during this period.
- We encourage you to bring your own hand sanitizers.

ENTERING THE CHURCH

- Please maintain social distancing before entering Church.
- All parishioners are asked to **enter Church using the Front Main Center Doors. The side entrance of Church with the ramp is available for parishioners who may need it.**
- Hand sanitizers will be available at the Church entrances. Please use them upon entering the Church.
- Church bulletins will be available in the usual places for individuals to pick up on leaving Church.

SEATING

- **Please follow the direction of the Ushers** who will direct you to the designated pews to ensure proper social distancing beginning in the front of the Church. Your cooperation will make this process both efficient and reverent.
- Members of the same household may sit together as normal in one pew.

DURING MASS

- There will be two Collection Baskets: one on the table by the back pew and one in front of the table in the center aisle for you to place your Offering Envelopes.
- 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.

RECEPTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

- **Please follow the directions of the Ushers** who will assist you in coming forth for Holy Communion in a single-file line and directing you back to your respective seat.

- There will be a table in the center aisle with hand sanitizer for you to use before receiving Holy Communion.
- There will be two Communion Stations on either side of the main aisle.
- Please maintain social distancing in the Communion line, observing the designated pew markers which will help you to maintain the proper distance between yourself and the person in front of you.
- Please remove your mask and gloves before receiving Holy Communion.
- After receiving Holy Communion please place your mask back on.
- During the Yellow Phase, the faithful are asked to receive Holy Communion in the hand.
- The Celebrant of the Mass will be available for those who wish to receive Holy Communion on the tongue.

EXITING THE CHURCH

- At the conclusion of Mass, **please follow the direction of the Ushers** in exiting the Church keeping in mind “social distancing”. We kindly ask that you do not congregate for any reason. This is for everyone’s safety. Therefore, we ask everyone to go their cars, after leaving the Church.
- Please take a Church bulletin home with you from the usual place.
- Please leave your mask on until you exit the Church.

OUR COMMITMENT TO YOU

Our Partnering Parishes 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>

In addition to the Weekend Mass Schedule, we will resume our **Daily Mass Schedule** observing safety protocols **beginning June 8, 2020:**

Sacred Heart Church: 8:30 A.M. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday
 St. Charles Borromeo Church: 8:30A.M. Thursday, Friday, Saturday

May the Blessed Virgin Mary and all of the angels and saints be with us as we walk together as disciples of the Lord.

God Bless you,
 Monsignor George A. Majoros and the Parish Pastoral Council.
 Pastor

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