

Dear Parishioners,

I begin with this disclaimer... “I will make every reasonable effort to keep you updated as to the directives coming from our Diocesan Office regarding the celebration of Mass and the other sacraments of the Church. But be advised, the message you are about to read may already be updated with new information by the time you receive or read this message”.

The 7:30 am weekday Masses are being celebrated in each of our parishes. Eucharistic Adoration will be held in the main body of the church. Please call the parish office for times. We are resuming our weekend schedule of Masses this coming weekend, May 30-31st. How fitting it is that we will be celebrating Pentecost, the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, the birthday of the Church. We so desperately need the guidance of the Holy Spirit in our world, our spiritual lives.

We will be seating at twenty-five percent capacity in each of our parishes. Chairs will be set up for overflowing at each parish, whether that be in a cafeteria or parish hall. Each of those spaces must be arranged to meet the social distancing requirements. It is our plan to live stream the 10:30 am Mass at Saints Peter and Paul’s on Sunday morning for those unable to join us at the weekend Masses. Pray that we can use the technology and equipment we are using to make this work.

Specifics regarding how the Mass will be celebrated will be mentioned at the beginning of the Masses. There are simply too many details to mention in this message. A few broad points worth mentioning are:

- The obligation to participate in the Mass remains dispensed until further notice.
- If individuals are feeling ill, they must remain at home.
- Every effort is being made at prioritizing the safety of all who enter our facilities
- Singing by the Liturgical Assembly is to be omitted. A cantor may be utilized.
- Use of hand sanitizer is to be encouraged upon entering and exiting the church.
- Wearing of mask is encouraged.
- Many other details will be announced.

On this Memorial of St. Phillip Neri, I leave you with a quote of his that I find very fitting for this time... ” *We must not leave off our prayers because of distractions and restlessness of mind, although it seems useless to go on with them. He who perseveres for the whole of his accustomed time, gently recalling his mind to the subject of his prayer, merits greatly.* ”

In Christ,

Fr. Don Wagner