

Before returning to Public Mass at St. Peter's

- Public Masses will resume on May 25th at 9:00AM on Memorial Day. Daily Mass will be at 8:15AM the rest of the week. Public Masses on Sundays will resume according to our regular Saturday vigil/Sunday Morning schedule (Saturday 5PM, Sunday at 6AM, 8AM, 10AM, and 12PM) the weekend of May 30-31.
 - o Mass will continue to be streamed live on Facebook at 8:15AM from Monday – Saturday, and at 10:00AM on Sunday's
- **The dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass remains in effect for the Catholic faithful who reside in the Diocese of Cleveland and all other Catholics in the diocese until further notice.**
- Know that we are doing everything we can to provide a safe environment for worship, but will need you to do your part as well.
 - o The dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass certainly applies to all the faithful, but especially to the populations more vulnerable to Covid-19.
 - o If you are feeling at all unwell, have the freedom to stay home. Don't "tough it out."
 - o Please take your temperature before coming to Mass. If it is 100.4°F or higher, please stay home.
- We are prepared to sanitize all common surfaces after each Mass.
- The faithful are obliged to wear a mask (or other face covering) upon entering the church and during the celebration of Mass, except for the brief moment of receiving Holy Communion.
 - o Please do what you can to bring your own mask or face covering. Those who do not have a mask will be provided one.
- There will be no congregational singing at Mass for the foreseeable future
 - o Hymnals have been temporarily removed from the church.
 - o Nothing is to be left in the pews.
 - o The cry room will not be available for the foreseeable future

Returning to the Church

- The doors of the church will be locked until sanitizing has been completed. We anticipate unlocking the doors approximately 20 minutes before Sunday Masses, but they will open when we are prepared for the congregation.
- So that we can be more aware of how many people are entering the church as we approach capacity, only two doors will be open for entry into the Church building – the west door under the canopy, and the doors facing Center Ridge Road
- Sanitize your hands on the way in and out of the church. Dispensers are located next to each door into the church. You are encouraged to bring your own sanitizer
- Collection baskets will be at the doors of the church before Mass and brought up as the altar is prepared – no collection will be taken during Mass.
- Pews will be roped off and markings placed throughout the church so as to assist in maintaining an increased social distance while in the building.
- Please accept the assistance and direction of our ushers in finding a seat.
- We can accommodate up to 50% of max occupancy of the Church, but with social distancing requirements it will likely be significantly less. For most Masses, this should not be an issue. *None the less, for the foreseeable future:*
 - o We will be prepared for overflow seating in the Gym.
 - At the 5:00PM Saturday, 6:00AM and 8:00AM Sunday, overflow worshippers would have a live feed of the Mass broadcast in the Gym, with communion being distributed in the Gym.
 - At 10:00AM and 12:00PM, a second Mass would be celebrated in the Gym, with communion for the faithful, as well.
 - We will not send people to the Gym until capacity in the Church has been reached
- Families may sit together, but will maintain 6 feet of distance from other households.
- Instructions for the reception of holy communion will be restated preceding the reception of Holy Communion by the faithful.
 - o Handicap aisles will receive first, at their places, Then the rest of the congregation will come to communion by a single file line down the center aisle. One entire side of the Church will come forward, then we will switch to the other side.

- For the health and safety of all, reception of Holy Communion is strongly encouraged in the hand.
- When approaching the Communion minister, the communicant is to pull their mask below the chin and present one hand resting on the palm of the other. After responding, “Amen,” the communicant reverently places the Eucharist in his or her mouth and immediately replaces their mask.
- Family units should depart the church in an organized manner wearing masks and observing six feet of distance between other households.
 - There should be no socializing inside the church.
- While we would like you to have the freedom to pray after Mass, your departure from the building is necessary so that the church can be sanitized in preparation for the next Mass.
 - All doors will be utilized as exits. We ask that you be patient, filing out of the pews in an orderly manner toward to side aisles, exiting the door nearest to you.
 - If you have mobility challenges, feel free to use the center aisle at any time to exit the back of the church

During the Week

- On May 25th, Memorial Day, we will be prepared to offer a second Mass in the Gym at 9:00AM.
- The church will be open from approximately 6:00AM – 3:00PM Monday-Saturday. The church will be sanitized each day after it closes.
 - On Saturdays, the Church will reopen at approximately 4:40PM for the celebration of Mass at 5:00PM.
- Morning Prayer will be offered at 7:35AM beginning Tuesday May 26th.
- With less ministerial support, you will be more responsible to maintain appropriate social distancing norms during the week.
- Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will return on Tuesday May 26th, concluding at 2:45PM with the celebration of Midafternoon Prayer and Benediction. It will continue weekly.