

Dear Parishioners,

6/9/20

I am happy to announce the resumption of Sunday Masses here at Saint Aedan's beginning **this weekend at our Saturday evening 5:30 Vigil Mass**. Our Sunday Masses will be at 8:00, 10:00 and 12 noon. For now, and throughout the summer there will be no 7 PM Sunday evening Mass. This weekend we celebrate the Feast of Corpus Christi, the Body and Blood of Christ. Could we have a more meaningful observance to resume our Sunday Masses and receive The Lord in Holy Communion?

Under the present NYS restrictions we are only allowed to utilize 1/4 of our Church seating capacity and both the State and the Archdiocese are being very strict about this. We are required to have a *greeter* at the front door of the Church to keep count of all who enter, and close the doors when we have reached our capacity.

Here's where we could really use your help. Please REPLY to us and let us know:

- 1) Do you intend to attend Sunday Mass THIS weekend?
  - 2) If so, WHICH Mass will you attend?
  - 3) Including yourself, how many from your household will be attending?
- Those living in the same household may sit together so we would like to be prepared to save enough multiple sections at each Mass.

Please review the information I stated in my previous letter regarding the proper precautions we all need to observe when entering the Church. Also, for the foreseeable future, ushers will not be taking up the collections at Mass. Your donations may be placed in custom made offering boxes which are located just inside the vestibule as you enter the Church. If you do not have an envelope for this weekend's second collection for *The Home Missions and Latin America* you may place your offering in a plain envelop and drop it into the box along with your regular parish offering. Upon entering the Church ushers will guide you to the next available seating whether single, couples or family.

Remember, we need everyone to be in good health, wear facial coverings and observe social distancing while attending Mass. We appreciate the gracious comments you have sent us regarding the streaming of our daily and Sunday Masses. However, we are really looking forward to being together with you as a faith community once again. Our parish music director, Matthew Surapine, will also be there to lead us in song at all of our Masses.

Please remember to REPLY and let us know if you are going to attend Mass this Sunday and which Mass and how many. It will really help to prepare. Let us all pray for a happy and healthy resumption of our Mass schedule. Saint Aedan pray for us.

Prayerfully in Christ,  
Msgr. Emmet Nevin