Phase One Reopening
At the Catholic Center at UGA

We are reopening Mass and Confessions beginning May 30, 2020. Please note that the reopening is subject to change based on guidelines from the CDC and the Archdiocese.

Archbishop Hartmayer, of the Archdiocese of Atlanta, has granted us permission to begin the reopening of public Masses. We will begin on Saturday, May 30 with the 5:00PM Mass. However, the obligation to attend Mass remains suspended through June 28, 2020. The faithful are not required to attend Mass, though we encourage your participation by live stream which will remain available. Based on Archdiocesan and CDC guidelines, we recommend the following not attend Mass at the Catholic Center in person right now:

- Anyone age 65 or older
- Anyone who cannot or should not wear a face mask
- Anyone who is immunocompromised or has underlying health conditions
- Anyone who has been exposed to COVID-19
- Anyone feeling ill or exhibiting any symptoms of Covid-19
- Anyone who has traveled to a location identified as a hot spot for Covid-19 within the last 14 days.

You are reminded to follow CDC recommendations regarding your own health. If you fall into an “at risk” category, please stay home and join us on Facebook for our live stream.

A new weekend Mass schedule will allow for safe entry/exit before and after Mass, as well as sanitizing pews and other surfaces between Masses. Our new Mass schedule will be:

- Saturday at 5:00PM
- Sunday at 8:00AM and 11:00AM (please note this is a change from our regular schedule)
  Our 11:00AM Mass will be live streamed on Facebook.
- Monday, Tuesday, Thursday at 5:30PM
- Wednesday at 8:00AM

This is part of Phase I of the Catholic Center reopening and will have many updated protocols that all members must follow to attend Mass. These procedures will be reevaluated weekly. If you would like to attend Mass, please read through the details below. Thank you for your patience and compliance.

Chapel Capacity and Seat Reservations

- For now, weekend Masses and daily Masses will be limited to 100 people.
- There will be no Nursery.
- Because it is impossible to accommodate all of our members for Sunday Masses, we are asking members to complete a reservation through Sign-up Genius. The link will be
provided on our website and Facebook page. If you are not able to use Sign-up Genius, please contact the office to reserve a space at Mass. **Reservations must be made by Friday at noon.** If you do not have a reservation for Mass, you will have to wait until all those with reservations are seated and we determine if there are seats available which meet the social distancing guidelines.

- All members of your family, except those under 2 years old must wear a mask at all times in the Chapel.

**Before Your Arrive**

- Wash your hands at home
- Use the restroom before you leave home. There will be limited access to the restroom—one person or family at a time.

**Mass Arrival Guidelines**

- For ages 2 and up (CDC guidelines) face masks are required and should be worn as soon as you exit your vehicle.
- There will be a hand sanitizing station at the entrance where ushers will dispense hand sanitizer.
- Ushers will seat your household
- The church will be seated to fill the pews from front to back.
- Every third pew will be filled.
- Families will be seated in the center section while individuals and couples will be seated in the outer sections.
- The Holy Water fonts remain empty.
- Arrive on time.

**Mass Procedures**

- Masses will conducted as you have seen them on the Live Stream with reduced lay ministers. There will be no altar servers, choirs or lay sacristans.
- Please keep your face mask on for the duration of Mass.
- There is to be no physical contact between households at the Sign of Peace or hand holding during the Lord’s prayer.
- Offertory baskets will be placed at the entrance of the Chapel. You will be able to place your offertory in the basket as you enter and exit the Chapel. You may also consider giving online through our Online Giving system found on our website.

**Communion Procedures**

- Archbishop Hartmayer has advised that communicants are strongly urged to receive Holy Communion in the hand. The precious blood will not be offered to the congregation.
- Use of personal hand sanitizer before and after communion is strongly encouraged.
- Ushers will provide directions for going up to receive communion.
• Masks should be worn in the communion line. After the priest or Eucharistic minister offers you communion step aside and lift your mask, consume the Eucharist, and then re-mask.

**Mass Dismissal Procedures**
• After the final blessing, members must remain in their pew.
• Pews will be dismissed in an orderly fashion starting in the rear of the church and moving forward.
• You must exit your pew when prompted. Private prayer is not available after Masses to allow the church to be cleaned for the next Mass.
• Clergy will not shake hands.
• Please do not congregate outside but head directly to your vehicle to allow the next Mass to start on time.

**Church Cleaning Procedures**
• We will continue to implement cleanliness and sanitization practices, including cleaning pews in between every Mass.
• Disinfecting bathrooms, door handles, and other frequently touched surfaces will occur throughout the day.
• Parish staff and volunteers will be required to wear face masks, wash hands, and will follow all recommended health and safety procedures.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**
Until further notice, Reconciliation is by appointment only.

**Center Hall Policies**
• The Center Hall will be closed for gatherings on Saturday and Sunday.
• All meetings must have fewer than 10 participants and must have approval from the Catholic Center office.
• Face masks must be worn at all times for meetings at the Center.
• You are responsible for sanitizing your space following the meeting.