

OUR LADY OF PEACE

Catholic Church

20 East Dominion Boulevard
Columbus, OH 43214

November 23, 2020

My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In recent days, the state has issued a 21-day curfew, and following suit, the City of Columbus has issued a 28 day stay at home advisory. This is an advisory, not an order. In order to slow the spread and to remain vigilant, the following policies which are based on diocesan directives, will be effectively immediately.

Worship remains essential for us, therefore, our current sacramental schedule for Mass, confession, and baptism will remain the same. We will continue to stream our Saturday evening Mass during these unprecedented times. At Mass, we will continue to recommend the wearing of masks, use of hand sanitizer, and have socially distanced seating. As a gentle reminder, if you are not comfortable attending Mass at this time, Bishop Brennan has extended the dispensation for attending Mass.

In issuing the advisory, Dr. Roberts indicated that schools should continue their current mode of instruction. It's of the utmost importance to keep children in schools and learning in person. This will continue until we receive other guidance. Mr. Adam Dufault, the Diocesan Superintendent of schools, is in close contact with the diocesan school principals during this time. We thank and appreciate all that our principal Jim Silcott and the faculty and staff of our school are doing to keep our students safe.

Our parish office remains closed to walk-ins. If you need something from one of our staff members, please send an email or call us. We appreciate your patience and understanding.

Until further notice, meetings of the parish will be held virtually or may be canceled. There are few exceptions to this directive. Our PSR program will continue to be offered virtually.

As of November 18, the Diocesan Recreation Association has announced that all basketball practices and games are postponed. Other extracurricular activities are canceled or are to be held remotely.

Please know that you and your families are in my prayers. Let us remember to pray especially for all those suffering from Covid-19. Remember that we are a people of hope and that Our Lord, Jesus Christ can be our hope and strength during these difficult and challenging times.

Under the Guidance of Our Lady of Peace,

Fr. Sean Dooley