

CHRISTMAS MASS UPDATE

As of November 11, we have a beginning on volunteers for set-up, greeting/ushering and sanitizing for the three possible Christmas Eve Masses: 4:00, 6:00 and 10:00p.m., but we still need several more parishioners to step up for all three. As for Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors, it seems likely that we'll have enough volunteers for those ministries. The two Masses on Christmas Day at 8:00 and 10:30a.m. should be no problem since those who fulfill the needed positions now at weekend Masses seem likely to also be available on Christmas Day.

But please note: I said three **possible** Christmas Eve Masses! We really do need more people for all the tasks and ministries required during these extraordinary times, and we need that offered help **now**. So, if you still haven't considered what you can do to help make Christmas Eve Masses possible, please give it some thought today and contact me at my personal e-mail, rkyfes@posjhomewood.org by this Wednesday, November 25th. The reason for this request is the bulletin deadline in advance of Thanksgiving; if I can be sure we have enough volunteers by 11/25, I can announce a finalized Christmas Mass schedule and we can be ready to announce online sign-up the weekend of December 5-6.

And as for bulletins....Having learned that many other parishes have resumed distributing paper bulletins in church, and having received no further guidance on this from the Archdiocese, I've decided to resume the distribution of bulletins at the start of the new Liturgical Year, November 28-29. The only difference will be that the ushers will hand you a bulletin as you leave, and we'll be asking you to dismiss yourselves without their direction, trusting you to be respectful of one another and maintain social distancing as you do now.

Fr. Bob