

Coming Home to Mass

May 29 – 30, 2021

With the lifting of most pandemic gathering restrictions this week, Bishop McManus has announced the restoration of the obligation to take part in Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation, effective next Sunday, the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, June 6, 2021.

Bishop McManus has also modified those adaptations of liturgical practices which we have been observing for the past year in mitigation of the virus.

Beginning on Saturday, May 29th, masks and social distancing are no longer required of all parishioners. However, per CDC guidelines, non-vaccinated persons are still encouraged to wear masks and maintain social distancing. The ribbons blocking off every other pew have been removed from most of the church.

For those who have not been vaccinated and for those who still wish to observe social distancing, one section of the church still has every other pew roped off. Also, while there is no requirement for vaccinated individuals to wear a mask, you may still wear a mask if you feel the mask is keeping you healthy.

Liturgical ministries such as Eucharistic ministers and choir will not be brought back right away; those ministries will be brought back over the next few months.

Holy Water will, once again, be available.

Processions will also be restored.

We will also begin using the confessionals and rooms of reconciliation and visitation of the sick will return to its previous schedule.

Current Mass schedules will remain in place for the time being. Weekday Masses will continue to be celebrated in the church.

All of this will take some time to get used to. Please be assured we will continue to carefully monitor the number of cases as we proceed to return to a “new normal.” Please join in praying that the success we have so far enjoyed in quelling the pandemic may continue throughout the summer and the months to come.