

# *St. Peter and Paul Roman Catholic Church*

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## **ORANGE ZONE MASS ADJUSTMENTS**

**Both our weekend and weekday Mass schedules have changed as we navigate our new Orange Zone restrictions which limit us to no more than 25 people at any Mass.**

**For our weekend Masses**, it is clearly not possible with the size of our congregation to continue in-person celebrations in either the Orange or Red Zone. We will livestream the 4:00 p.m. weekend Mass which can be accessed live on Saturday afternoon or anytime thereafter by going to the website, [www.sspphamburg.org](http://www.sspphamburg.org), or [Facebook.com/churchssp/live](https://www.facebook.com/churchssp/live), and joining as we celebrate the Eucharist. We will mention all the names of the intentions for the weekend Masses at this Mass. These intentions will be fulfilled throughout the weekend as we celebrate the other Masses privately. The dispensation from attending Mass offered by Bishop Scharfenberger remains in place, and we will be praying the Prayer of Spiritual Communion at the livestreamed Mass. In an effort to be sure the Eucharist is available to those who wish to receive our Lord physically, we will have our priests, a deacon and two Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion available to distribute the Eucharist in the parking lots after our livestreamed 4:00 Mass from about 4:45-5:15 p.m. Please park in BLUE LOT 1/Creekbend side of the Church. Everyone must remain in their vehicle, correctly wear their masks, and receive the Eucharist in the hand. If Lot 1 is full, please park in RED LOT 2/school side, and, finally, YELLOW LOT 4/across the street.

We will attempt to continue to offer in-person **daily Masses Monday through Friday** at both 7:00 and 9:00 a.m. For the parish to remain in compliance, parishioners wishing to attend daily Masses may need to alternate between attending and not attending for us to remain at or below the 25-person limit. We ask that some of the daily Mass congregation attend M-W-F on the even weeks of the month (weeks 2 and 4) and T-TH the odd weeks (weeks 1, 3 and 5), while the other part of the daily Mass congregation attends T-TH on the even weeks and M-W-F on the odd weeks. This sacrifice, along with everyone following the current Covid 19 regulations of wearing masks and social distancing, will allow us to continue to celebrate Mass publicly at SS. Peter Paul as long as possible. If Mass attendance continues to be over 25 or if we move to a Red Zone designation, we will be forced to go entirely to remote or livestreamed Masses.

The church will be open daily for personal, private prayer from 7:00 a.m. through 4:00 p.m. (except at Mass times).

We remain humbled by the many parishioners who continue to offer sacrifices and support our parish weekly or monthly by sending in their donations and envelopes. Your generous stewardship keeps our parish vibrant and able to continue the mission and action of Our Lord. We realize this is a very difficult time for everyone. If you find yourself in need, please contact our Outreach center at (716)648-1725.

Please stay safe and pray for all who are affected by this virus as well as those who continue to fight this on the front lines. All of you remain in our prayers.

Rev. Arthur Mattulke, Pastor

Rev. Patrick O'Keefe, Parochial Vicar