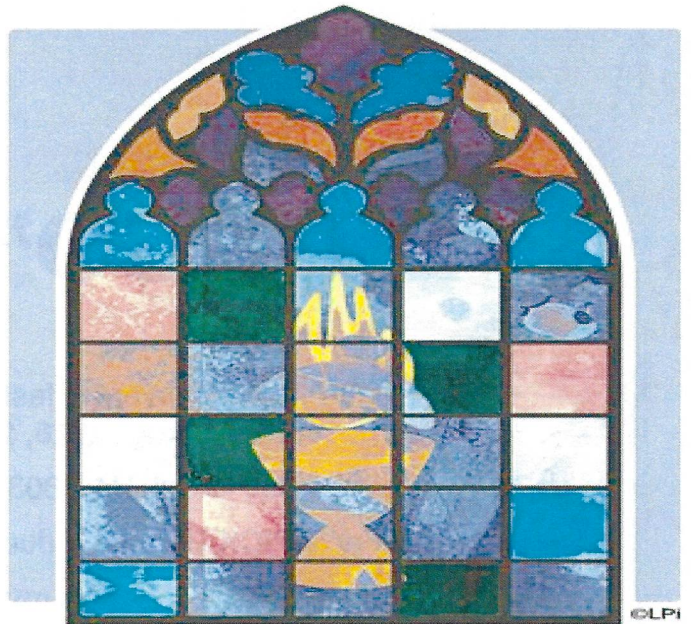


Dear Parishioners, We recently received the following notice from the Diocese of Pittsburgh. I echo these sentiments and I would like to add my gratitude for your co-operation during these difficult times. We trust that the Lord is with us and we look forward to brighter days ahead.

To Jesus through Mary, Fr. Terry



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With an abundance of joy and gratitude we have been able to open many churches in the Diocese of Pittsburgh for prayer, Masses, and other Sacramental services. As you can imagine, it is a massive, ongoing effort to allow people to gather while doing everything in our power to protect everyone's health.

We need to work together, and act with each other's health and safety in mind if we are to continue keeping our churches open for worship.

As a reminder, Bishop David Zubik has suspended the obligation to attend Mass until further notice. If you are in a vulnerable population and/or have an underlying health condition, please approach the celebration of Holy Mass with charity and love for our clergy and faith community by following all safety protocols including:

- Staying home if you're not feeling well.
- Mandatory mask-wearing in Mass. If you have a medical exemption from the governor's order, please provide that to your parish so that it may be recorded and honored by those who are working to maintain a safe space for all.
- Sanitizing your hands upon entry to the Church.
- Sitting in designated pews and respecting social distancing of six feet or more unless you are one family unit.
- Refraining from congregating before or after Mass.
- Following protocols to receive Holy Communion as directed at Mass.

Please visit the diocesan website to review specific directives here: <https://diopitt.org/moving-forward-together>

And the diocese has a variety Spiritual Resources for you here: <https://diopitt.org/spiritual-resources>

Don't forget to visit our website for additional Parish updates: [www.marymotherofgod1.org](http://www.marymotherofgod1.org)

