



OUR LADY OF GRACE

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Great news! Archbishop Pérez has announced that parishes of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia will be able to resume public Masses the weekend of June 6 and 7. We at Our Lady of Grace Parish look forward to welcoming you back! **Let us keep our eyes fixed on Jesus as we make our way back to the in person celebration of the Mass.**

While our county remains in the Yellow Phase of statewide reopening, all of us need to do our part to make sure that our return to Mass is a peaceful and safe experience for all. Please take the time to read the instructions below. We ask everyone to follow these guidelines when attending Mass during this period:

GENERAL POINTS

- The obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation continues to be lifted during the Yellow Phase. You are not required to attend Mass at this time.
- Please stay home if you are sick.
- Please stay home if you are at higher risk of severe illness with COVID19. If you are uncertain about your risk status, please consult your doctor and also the CDC Guidelines at the link below.
 - Click here to read the CDC Guidelines for those at higher risk: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/need-extra-precautions/people-at-higher-risk.html>
- Mass will continue to be available via live-stream. You can access the LIVE Stream via our parish website: www.olgparishpenndel.org.

MASS SCHEDULE

- Sunday Masses: Vigil Mass 4:00 p.m. (please not new time as previously announced) Saturday evening; Sunday Morning 10:00 a.m. additional masses may be added at a latter date as the need develops. These Masses will be LIVE Streamed as well, please see above.
- Daily Masses: 8:00 a.m. Monday to Saturday in the Church proper. These masses will also be LIVE streamed.

BEFORE COMING TO MASS

- Please wash your hands for 20 seconds using soap and water.
- Before entering the Church, please put on a face mask or cloth covering. Exceptions to this are “children younger than 2 years old, anyone who has trouble breathing or is unconscious, and anyone who is incapacitated or otherwise unable to remove the cloth face covering without assistance” (CDC Guidelines).
- Please do not come to Mass if you are sick or are at higher risk for severe illness with COVID19 (see above).
- Missalettes will not be in the pews during this period. You are welcome to bring your own missal/readings with you if you have difficulty with hearing.

ENTERING THE CHURCH

- All church entrances will be open for Sunday and daily Masses.

SEATING

- When taking your seat, please honor all posted signs about where you may sit. Every other third pew will be open to ensure proper social distancing; these pews will be marked with signs.
- Members of the same household may sit together as normal. Please place 6 feet between your household and members of a different household.
- Our Ushers and Greeters are available to assist you, if needed.

DURING MASS

- Due to concerns about singing, music will be limited to a cantor and instrumentalist at this time.
- The collection will be taken up as normal, however there will not be an offertory procession.
- There will be no Sign of Peace during Mass during the Yellow Phase.
- The Precious Blood will not be distributed during Mass during the Yellow Phase.
- There should be no holding of hands during the Our Father.

RECEPTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

- Four stations will be available for receiving Holy Communion, two in the center and one each on the far side aisles.
- Please maintain social distancing in the Communion line. Please keep several pews between yourself and the person in front of you while in line and when returning to your pew.
- During the Yellow Phase, the faithful are asked to receive Holy Communion in the hand. If you need to receive Holy Communion on the tongue please use the Saint Joseph side Communion Station as provisions are made for the minister to sanitize their hand after you have received and before the next person receives.
- Please remove your mask before receiving Holy Communion.

EXITING THE CHURCH

- At the conclusion of Mass, please exit the Church and proceed directly to your car. Please do not congregate for any reason.
- Please take a parish bulletin home with you. The bulletins will be on the tables in the vestibules and will not be handed out.
- Please leave your mask on until you exit the Church.

OUR COMMITMENT TO YOU

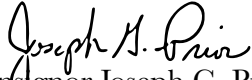
Our Lady of Grace Parish will follow the guidelines from the CDC for sanitation as we resume public Masses.

○ To view the CDC guidelines, visit: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/php/faith-based.html>

○ The church is being cleaned before reopening for public masses. All doors and handrails will be cleaned after the masses.

The past two months have been difficult for the entire community. We continue to pray for all those who have died, for their families and those who are sick. Thank you to all the members of our community in the health care services, the emergency services and the civic services. I also thank our entire staff for all they have done in responding to the situation and continuing to provide service to our parish, school, PREP, Youth Ministries and cemetery. It will be great to see everyone again at Church. Thanks for joining us on line, and please continue to participate that way if you are unable to be physically present.

Sincerely yours in Christ,



Monsignor Joseph G. Prior
Pastor