

St. Cornelius Catholic Church

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Saturday, November 21, 2020 – 12:00 Noon
To all the parishioners of St. Cornelius in Chadds Ford

I am writing to inform you that I have been tested positive for COVID. After seeing my Doctor on Wednesday, I received the nasal swab test, and I was notified yesterday that the test results were positive for COVID.

I am feeling well. I feel as if I have a bad cold. But at my doctor's direction I am under quarantine and my status is reviewed daily by my doctor.

Based on when I am symptom free and deemed no longer contagious Masses will resume at St. Cornelius Church.

No other members of the parish office staff are showing symptoms of COVID, and all are quarantining at home as required. All are strictly following Health Department recommendations on testing and safety.

At this time:

The church is open, but Mass and confessions are cancelled for this weekend (11/21 and 11/22).

Daily Mass will resume when it is clear that I am symptom free.

St. Cornelius will not conduct any funerals until I am symptom free and given permission by my doctor.

The Parish Life Center will remain closed until further notice.

The Thanksgiving Food Drive will continue this weekend!

While the PLC will be closed until it is sanitized the food being donated this weekend will be dropped in front of the PLC and then transported to the Walker Hall. In the past our parishioners have demonstrated their characteristic generosity and I would hate to thwart their goodness in anyway. Parishioners will be outside the PLC ready to accept and transport the food.

All parish voicemail and email is being monitored. However, out of concern for health and privacy and the extra demands on staff, I respectfully ask parishioners to refrain from all non-essential calls, texts and emails at this time. Please contact us by phone, [email](#) or through our [website](#) if necessary. **Thank you for your patience and understanding.**

Since the pandemic began, St. Cornelius Parish has operated with an abundance of caution, and we will continue to do so. I thank you in advance for your cooperation in this. Please help keep our community and parish safe by following all [public health recommendations](#) on masks, social distancing, hygiene, and testing.

Faithfully,

Msgr. Diamond