

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We have some important news that we would like to share with you before the opening of Mass registrations this week. Back in May we spoke about the forward movement of the parish taking place in phases. A specific announcement dated May 23rd, 2020 outlined five phases. That was soon upset by different announcements regarding capacity limits that moved things forward much more quickly than originally anticipated (one may recall that at that time the governor had said in a press conference that houses of worship would not be allowed to open until 2021. By the end of the same week the decision was reversed and we became one of the first groups given permission to open). Although we were not able to follow the specifics of the plan, we have been working with a spirit of moving forward in steps.

I am happy to share with you that we are currently in the midst of moving to the next step. Starting this weekend, motivated by professional recommendations and other factors, the church will begin to seat in every other row instead of every third row. You will notice the change on this week's registration system. In addition, after Easter we will begin to take steps to phase out Mass registrations, starting with Masses in Msgr. Nolan Hall. From there, we will evaluate when and how we may take further steps. I understand that some may still consider this a challenge, but please note that the reservation system actually permits us to fit more people into the church and avoids a situation where people would need to be turned away.

Finally, the staff is beginning our own internal process of looking at our various departments and planning the next steps forward there, as well.

There is (much) more in the works, but I wanted to provide this information to you as soon as possible. May God continue to grant you all a peaceful and blessed Lent.

Sincerely,
fr. Jason