

# St. Basil The Great



## **Masking & Social Distancing Announcement**

This Announcement is a follow up to the one made on May 15, 2021.

I wanted to update you as to where we stand on COVID-19 mitigation measures at our parish. We are currently working on a revised set of guidelines in light of the latest CDC, Archdiocesan, state and county guidelines for the relaxation of COVID-19 restrictions. We intend to begin implementation of those revised guidelines on June 1, 2021 and will post them in advance so you have time to review and acquaint yourselves with them. We very much appreciate your patience and cooperation as we work through these issues.

From now until June 1, 2021, this is what to expect at St. Basil the Great:

- 1) Everyone must continue to comply with our current Guidelines for the Resumption of Public Masses (e.g. use hand sanitizers, maintain social distancing, wear a face mask inside parish buildings, etc.).
- 2) Effective May 31, 2021, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania is lifting COVID-19 mitigation orders. This means that all building sanitation, social distancing, and seating capacity restrictions will be lifted for all parish facilities beginning on June 1, 2021.
- 3) As of now, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania mask mandate remains in effect until 70% of adults are fully vaccinated. This means that those who have been fully vaccinated against COVID-19 (i.e. it has been at least 14 days since the last vaccine required for full vaccination to occur) no longer need to wear a face mask in the church and other parish buildings, while those who have not been vaccinated must continue to wear a face mask inside church and other parish buildings.
- 4) We ask everyone to be respectful and non-confrontational in dealing with one another in church and throughout the community, and to honor these guidelines since our collective health and well-being depend on it.

The obligation to attend Mass continues to be suspended in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia.

Please continue to check our website and Facebook page for updates and changes. Things certainly have been changing quickly and I need your help in making sure you have the latest information. Thank you for all you have done and will continue to do as we work through these issues as a loving faith community and for your continued faithful support of me and our parish.

Fr. Gary Pacitti  
Pastor

Dated: May 22, 2021