



June 1, 2020

Dear Parishioners:

I write today with a slight change in plans. God-willing it will be the last one before we have our limited re-opening. As you know, the Covid virus situation remains an evolving situation and protocols and mandates are changing on an almost daily basis. So, due to a number of factors which include the availability of sanitizing supplies, the window in which to get the church professionally sanitized, and above all, your safety and well-being, the Parish Council and I have decided to move our first Mass to **June 28, 2020 at 10:00am.**

Everything else in my earlier update letter remains in effect at this point. But, please also be aware of the following additional procedures (in no particular order):

- You will need to enter and exit the church building in a socially distanced manner.
- The front doors are now designated as "entrance only" while the side doors (near the Marian garden) are designated "exit only." Please follow these designations as you enter and exit the building.
- In order to maintain social distancing, parking along the front curb is not permitted. As this is the fire lane, parking should not take place there in the first place. The two handicapped spots near the soccer field remain available for those who need them and there is additional handicapped parking at the back of the church.
- The parish hall is closed and not accessible until further notice due to sanitizing protocols.
- The bathrooms are also closed and not accessible until further notice due to sanitizing protocols.
- Singing by the congregation is not permitted at Mass as singing can spread the virus beyond the 6 foot distancing.
- I cannot stress enough the importance of getting to Mass early. Please plan to arrive at least 15 minutes before Mass begins so that you can be seated in an orderly and safe manner. **Latecomers will not be admitted.**
- Under current mandates our allowed capacity, taking into account social distancing, appears to be 30 not counting myself and a musician or two. I will need to verify this number with whatever mandates are in effect at the end of June and that number may change.

I know all of this is overwhelming and the many date changes have us all wondering and maybe even a bit disappointed. But, please remember that above all, the guiding principle is the health and safety of each person who comes into the building and the health and safety of all with whom we come into contact. The State has not yet announced if cases are low enough at this point for the State to move into phase 2 of reopening. When that happens, mandates and protocols may change with the possibility of the Bishop's mandates also changing. All of this may require further refinement of what I have already announced to you.

Please continue to pray for an end to this outbreak and the health and safety of all those affected and at risk.

God bless you,

Fr. Gemza