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## **NOTE from Fr. Paul Gebhardt - Instructions for Resumption of Public Masses**

May 21, 2020

Dear Holy Name of Jesus Parishioners:

Public Mass will begin again on Monday, May 25 with a special Memorial Day Mass offered at Our Lady of Sorrows in our Pastoral Region at 9:00 AM to pray for those who have made the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom and in thanksgiving for first responders, doctors, nurses and those providing essential services during the stay at home order.

**Regular Masses will resume on Tuesday, May 26**, according to the Mass schedule below.

Monday, Tuesday and Friday at Our Lady of Sorrows at 9:00 AM

**Monday, Wednesday and Thursday at Holy Name of Jesus at 9:00 AM**

**Saturday (for Sunday) at 4:30 in each location (no Confession before Mass)**

**Sunday at 10:00 AM in each location.**

(The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be scheduled at places and times

when social distancing can be observed.)

The temporary change and reduction in Mass times is to allow for the additional cleaning/sanitizing that needs to be done after each Mass. It is hoped that this schedule will take us through the end of June. Thank you in advance to all who have volunteered to help. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be scheduled at places and times when social distancing can be observed.

Please remember that the faithful have been dispensed from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass. Thus, those who wish to participate in Mass and receive Holy Communion can do so by attending a Mass any day of the week. Those who are at risk or fearful that they or their family might become sick are encouraged to join us for a Mass that is live streamed online each Sunday. Additionally:

--If you have the Covid-19 virus, have been exposed to it or suspect you have been,

--If you have or recently had a cough, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, fever, chills, muscle pain, sore throat, loss of taste or smell, nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea,

**--If you feel at all unwell, DO NOT COME TO MASS.**

--All are strongly encouraged to check your temperature and your children's temperature before coming to Mass and to wear masks.

These precautions protect your fellow parishioners. Taking precautions, wearing a mask and being kind and patient during this difficult time are all acts of Christian charity. As St. Mother Teresa encouraged, we can all do little things such as these with great love.

Archdiocesan, state and federal guidelines all mandate that appropriate social distancing and health regulations must be observed. Holy Name of Jesus Parish will implement these guidelines in the following ways:

--There are a limited number of seats in the church. Overflow seating is available in the Parish Hall.

--Ushers will seat parishioners so that maximum capacities are not exceeded and social distancing is maintained. Please take the seats you are directed to by the ushers.

--Entry doors will be open for you to have a touch-free entry into church or Parish Hall.

--Hand sanitizer will be available as you enter. Please use it.

--We are asking that everyone who is able, please wear a mask. This is for the protection of everyone around you.

--We are discouraging holding hands at the Our Father (immediate family excluded) and there will be no pause for the exchanging of a Sign of Peace.

--Holy Communion will be in the form of the Body of Christ only.

Communion will be done by sections, please wait for an usher's direction before coming forward. Please stay 6 feet apart as you approach for Communion. The floor markings will help you in this. (A family with small children can approach together.) Eucharistic ministers will do their best to drop the host into your hand without touching. Please instruct younger children to hold their hands still. Hands at rest is the cue the Eucharistic minister will be looking for that says you are ready. Eucharistic ministers will be wearing masks and will sanitize their hands prior to distribution of communion.

--Because choirs and proximity, we are unfortunately disbanding our choir until the pandemic is past. However, feel free to sing out your joy to the Lord!

--We will not be using servers at Mass. This is because social distancing cannot be maintained.

--Missalettes and hymnals cannot be left in pews. We will use very familiar hymns that you can easily sing from memory or you will be given a missalette that you can keep and bring to church each week. We are looking at how best to address this need.

--We will have only one lector per Mass. This avoids the need to sanitize books and microphones between two different users.

--Our nursery/cry room will not be available during any Mass. We regret this, but these tend to be places where social distancing can't be maintained and the free flow of persons makes sanitizing between users nearly impossible.

--Designated ushers will be handing out bulletins after Mass. They will wear masks and will have sanitized their hands. Bulletins are also available online.

--The church will be sanitized after each Mass so that it is clean and ready for the next Mass.

--Please do not stop to socialize while entering or leaving the building following Mass. This slows the movement of people and impedes social distancing. If you must converse with someone, please move well out of

the flow of foot traffic to do so.

During the first weeks of public Masses, we will be observing and adjusting as needed. We may have further changes and will share additional communications on this. The parish staff views our Masses under the cloud of the coronavirus as a work in progress.

Please continue to pray for your parish, your fellow parishioners, your priests and your parish staff. This is a difficult and uncertain time for all of us. I and your parish staff will continue to pray for all of you.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Paul Gebhardt

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**NOTE from Deacon Larry:**

Please pray daily for vocations this month and make it part of your daily Rosary.

**VOCATION PRAYER:**

Almighty Father,  
You have created us for some definite purpose.

Grant us the grace to know the path  
You have planned for us in this life  
and to respond with a generous "Yes."  
Make our archdiocese, parishes, homes and hearts  
fruitful ground for Your gift of vocations.  
May our young people respond to Your call  
with courage and zeal.  
Stir among our men a desire and the strength  
to be good and holy priests.  
Bless us with consecrated religious and those called to a  
chaste single life, permanent deacons,  
and faithful husbands and wives,  
who are a sign of Christ's love for His Church.  
We commend our prayer for vocations to You, Father,  
through the intercession of Mary our Mother,  
in the Holy Spirit,  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

- Archbishop Dennis M. Schnurr

#### **Additional information from Connie:**

- **WEBSITE** - See our website for a copy of **Fr. Stephen's homily** and **readings** and a link to the **Live Mass** for Sunday.
- **Yard n Garden** - The grounds and gardens at Holy Name of Jesus are beautiful. Take time for some quiet prayer and meditation at the Grotto. A special thank you to the Yard n Garden team! If you are interested in helping with the yard or gardens, please contact the office.
- **The church is open for prayer.** The church is never empty, Jesus is there. A special thank you to the team of volunteers, that are taking turns cleaning front section of the church daily. May God bless you for your service! If you are interested in assisting in this duty, please call the office.
- **Cleaning Help Needed** - We will need extra hands on deck to assist with cleaning between Masses when Resumption of Public Masses begins. If your are able to help, please contact the church office to let us know your availability.

- **Aluminum can recycle will cease** due to COVID-19 to help keep our volunteers safe at Holy Name. Please take your recyclables to your local recycling center.
- **GIVING** - We send out our gratitude to everyone for your prayers and for your contributions through on-line giving and US Postal service. Your generosity allows our parish to continue to do God's works. One of those missions, is our social outreach. During this unprecedented times, we are able to continue support to: food pantry, LIFE (local pregnancy centers), and our sister parish Holy Trinity in Harlan, KY. Additionally, support was sent to the Edgewood Ministerial Association - EMA Scholarship.
- **IRA distributions - A way to save on your federal tax bill** - If you are over 70 1/2 age and taking out IRA distributions, you could make your distribution from the IRA as a direct payment form your financial institution to charity. This distribution would not be taxable on your personal return. Talk to your accountant and your financial institution to see how you can make use of this opportunity.

May God bless you and your family and keep you safe!

Sincerely,

*Connie Schenck*

## **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FROM STAFF:**

**Website** - See the [Holy Name of Jesus' Website](#) to get current information, including bulletins and much more.

**Financial Support** - A special thanks to all who have continued your financial support either through mailing your contributions or making [on-line contributions](#). Your contributions allows us to continue to do God's work. May God bless you!

**Bulletins** - [CLICK HERE](#)

**Live-streamed Mass** - for Holy Name of Jesus and Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Churches broadcast from Monroe. We hope you can join us through the internet! [Click Here for Live-streamed Mass](#)

**Connect** - with fellow parishioners on our [Holy Name of Jesus Group Facebook page](#)

**Concerns/Requests** - If you have any concerns, needs or prayer request, please contact the parish office. **513-988-6335 (Office)** or email: [holynamercc@gmail.com](mailto:holynameccc@gmail.com)

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