

Holy Name of Jesus Catholic Church - Weekly E-Newsletter -
May 15, 2020

**NOTE from Fr. Paul Gebhardt - A Few Words About the Resumption of
Public Masses**

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Dear Parish Members of Holy Name of Jesus Church & Our Lady of
Sorrows Church,

As I begin the process of applying the Archdiocesan Guidelines for Resumption of Public Masses to our situations at Holy Name of Jesus and Our Lady of Sorrows I want to share with you my perspective on what I believe the I and the parish staff are obligated to do and why. First, like you, I've heard the range of opinion about how seriously we should take the virus and all the media coverage of it. I've concluded that it doesn't matter. If there is any risk to the health of my parishioners from this virus, we must take the threat seriously and take all reasonable precautions to protect your

health and wellbeing. The personal opinions of the staff are of no consequence. Neither parish will become a hot spot for the outbreak of the virus if we have anything to say about it.

We do this for two reasons. One is already stated, your continued health and wellbeing. The other is your peace of mind. No matter what your opinion is about how serious the covid-19 crisis is, when you come to Mass you should feel that the church is the next safest place to your own home. You should be able to worship without undo fear for your health.

In order to accomplish these two purposes we will make certain adjustments which may include holding Masses in the HNOJ-Parish Hall/OLOS-PAC, using the HNOJ-Parish Hall/OLOS-PAC & HNOJ basement as overflow seating and livestreaming the Mass from the church and Communion being brought over. Or some creative combination depending on the numbers attending Masses. For the first few weeks we will set up our locations for social distancing and allow for the largest possible groups and then adjust based on what the first month or so looks like. Periodic adjustment will also occur as our society adjusts/returns more to normal, for example when/if school reopens in the fall.

Please, expect changes to the "normal" look and flow of church. Please watch for more developments. And please pray for your priests and parish staff. This is going to be a wild ride. - Fr, Paul

- Fr. Paul Gebhardt

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"For God, all things are possible."

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 you 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.
- **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 from 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: holynameccc@gmail.com

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