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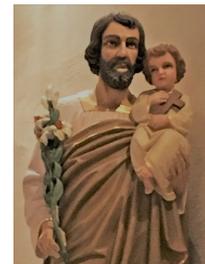
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Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

We are extremely pleased to announce that we are now able to resume public Masses with 25% occupancy of our churches beginning this weekend June 13 and 14. This is something we have been waiting for for a long time. We will be able to celebrate Mass in public with a large gathering of the faithful once more. For many of us, this will feel like the best news we have heard in many weeks. We will be celebrating Mass on a modified schedule: **Saturdays at 5:30 PM at St. Anthony, Sundays at 11:00 AM at St. Joseph, Tuesday at 8:30 AM at St. Joseph, and Wednesday at 8:30 AM at St. Anthony.** We will continue to record all Masses and post them on the Youtube channel.

The Diocese of Syracuse, through the Pandemic Task Force, has established a number of protocols for us to gather safely. As noted, we are allowed to have 25% of our church's seating capacity occupied for Mass, which works out to about 100 people per church. **We are asking you to register with the parish office before attending one of the public Masses. Please call the office of the parish where you would like to attend Mass during business hours, 9 AM - 12 PM Monday - Friday, and we will schedule you for the first available Mass.** When you arrive at the church, an usher will be at the Atrium front doors at St. Anthony's or the Hayes Ave. entrance at St. Joe's to sign you in. **You are required to wear a mask while attending Mass. Unfortunately, we cannot admit anyone who refuses to wear a mask.** We would also ask that you bring your own sanitizer; the church will have hand sanitizer at the entrances and in the church. Please note that you will not be able to sit in your usual seat; we will have pews blocked off to encourage social distance. Families living in the same household are not required to sit 6 feet apart from each other, but are asked to keep that distance from other households. You will notice many other changes to the way we used to celebrate Mass, and we will explain these in a subsequent communication. Please plan to arrive 20 minutes before Mass begins to allow for check-in. Baskets for collection will be set up near the church entrances. As we have noted before, if you are feeling unwell at all, or experiencing COVID-10 symptoms including fever or persistent dry cough, please do not come to Mass, but stay home and contact your doctor. Bishop Lucia has also reminded us that the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays is still dispensed, so no one incurs mortal sin by not attending. Additionally, if you feel uncomfortable returning to public Masses at this time, we fully understand. After each Mass, we will thoroughly clean and disinfect the churches.

Our hope is to maintain this schedule and ensure that we can comply with all aspects of our reopening plan. If all goes well, we will be able to add additional Mass times to resume our previous schedule, And we also hope that the number of people allowed to attend Mass will increase, but there is no real way of knowing when that will happen. For now, however, we are very excited by this opportunity to resume the public worship of God in the holy sacrifice of the Mass once more.

Faithfully yours in Christ,

Rev. Kenneth R. Kirkman
Administrator



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We are pleased to announce that public Masses are resuming June 13-14, the Feast of Corpus Christi.

What times will Mass be offered?

Saturday 5:30 PM St. Anthony
Sunday 11 AM St. Joseph
Tuesday 8:30 AM St. Joseph
Wednesday 8:30 AM St. Anthony

What about confession?

Confessions will be heard
Monday at St. Anthony's, 9-10,
Thursday at St. Joseph, 9-10.

Do I have to go to Mass?

The dispensation from Sunday Mass has been maintained by Bishop Lucia, so Catholics in the diocese are not required to attend Mass. If you are feeling unwell, please do not come to Mass, and contact your doctor.

Will Mass still be posted online?

Yes, but the schedule will change to match our temporary Mass schedule. We hope to have the Masses posted an hour after they have been celebrated. On days when Mass is not celebrated publicly, we will still post Mass from our office chapels.

How do I register for Mass?

Call the parish office of the church you would like to attend during office hours, M-F 9-12. We will take down your contact info and register you for a time to attend Mass.

Other information:

You are required to wear a mask while attending Mass at either parish.

Hand sanitizer will be provided, but we ask that you also bring your own.

After Mass, we would request that you not congregate in church or by the doors.

Our seating capacity is limited, so we appreciate your flexibility.

Please be kind to our volunteers, ushers, and staff.

If you do not follow the safety protocols, we will have to ask you to leave.