



BASILICA OF THE CO-CATHEDRAL OF THE SACRED HEART



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“Annunciation” and “Tree of Life” Meditation Gardens

Fifth Sunday of Easter - May 10th, 2020

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MASS SCHEDULE

All public Masses have been suspended until further notice.

Mass from the Basilica is live streamed on our Facebook page, Sundays at 10am and Wednesdays at 8:00am from the Cordis Center Chapel.

The Diocese is streaming daily Mass, Monday through Friday, at 12:05 p.m. from the Cathedral of St. Joseph.

Mass is also being live-streamed at 6 p.m. on Saturday, where it remains online. The link is <https://dwc.org/home/mass/>

Listen to EWTN on WLUX 1450 AM
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SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

By appointment only.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Suspended until further notice.

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

“We, at the Basilica of the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, are a diverse community of the poor, the disadvantaged and hungry, the well-to-do, the youth, elderly, visitors and those seeking refuge.

As a community of many cultures and races, we stand for unity in our diversity by expressing our love of God the Father through prayer and worship, through service to one another, through the ministry of welcoming, through evangelization and ecumenism. With the Bishop, we shall pursue this mission faithfully through the example of Jesus Christ, the power of the Holy Spirit and the gifts and talents of our members.” All are welcome today, especially visitors, guests and those who might be new to the community.

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SACRAMENTS

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Sharing Our Treasure - 5/3/2020

Regular Collection: \$12, 909 SMILE: \$265

Partners In Hope: \$200 Needy Student: \$160

Santo Nino: \$200 Social Concerns: \$50

Priest Retirement: \$430 Peter's Pence: \$90

Education of Seminarians: \$150 (\$1750)

Thank you for your faithful generosity.

Greetings in our Risen Lord!

I pray this note finds you well and safe. The good news is that we are carefully and safely preparing to resume the public celebration of Mass at our Basilica. But, it will be different for a time. Please read carefully the enclosed three items in this bulletin;

1. A letter from our Bishop
2. The press release with some details of how we will reopen our churches
3. A document describing in even greater detail how we will reopen, what you can expect and what will be asked of you in returning to the Basilica.

Please make sure we have your up to date contact information. Our website, Facebook, Flocknote, and email will be the main ways we will keep you informed of critical and timely news and instructions.

Happy Mother's Day

May we show even greater honor and appreciation to our mothers as they lovingly guide us through these days. May the Blessed Mary, Mother of Jesus and the Mother of the Church intercede for us. Let us continue to pray for each other. Easter Peace.

In Christ,
 Fr. Don
 304-685-2367



Merciful God, bless my mother this Mother's Day. For her loving and nurturing ways. Through her care and intercession, You graced me and formed me in so many ways. May the love You gave me through her, be showered on her today and for all eternity. Amen

Fr. Patrick Caveglia, O.S.B.

Fifth Sunday of Easter



Living Stones

Almighty God, master builder, your Son is the foundation of our lives. If the world seems to crumble and fall, keep us anchored in faith, hope, and love. Smooth and polish our hearts until they gleam and radiate your glory dwelling within us. Build us up in holiness, and fit us together so securely that evil cannot fracture us nor pain and death break us. Fashion others into living stones, too, until all people are part of your house forever. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sunday, May 10, 2020-Dwelling

Today's Readings: Acts 6:1–7; Psalm 33:1–2, 4–5, 18–19 (22); 1 Peter 2:4–9; John 14:1–12. Although God was understood to dwell in the Jerusalem Temple, that stone structure was a sign that God dwelled among his people, his “royal priesthood” and “holy nation.” As Jesus explained to his disciples, he fully reveals God’s presence and is the means by which people enter that presence. As God’s Son, Jesus is God’s place of dwelling and the one through whom we will dwell with God forever.

Jesus also tells us that there is endless space in his Father’s house. Jesus, the foundation of a living and eternal temple, has room for everyone to build their lives upon him. This living, growing dwelling place is so vast that it is ultimately unavoidable: those who want to go around it can’t. There is no avoiding God’s presence, no hiding from his wonderful light.

As people build themselves on Christ, there’s the danger that parts of this structure will weaken. In the reading from Acts, we hear that some members of the community were not receiving the material assistance they needed. Once the problem was pointed out, however, the Apostles acted quickly. They not only ensured that help was given, they shared their Christ-given authority with others to prevent such problems from happening again. We must do the same. By showing others that Christ dwells among us, we will help them—and us—to dwell with Christ forever.

This Week at Home

Monday, May 11-The Best of Intentions

The people who worship Paul and Barnabas recognize that something wonderful has happened, but their faith is misdirected. They need instruction on how to interpret and respond to the healing they witnessed. They need the Advocate, who will teach and guide them. **This Advocate, the Holy Spirit, continues to guide the Church to this day. Ask God for the Spirit’s help in discerning** where and how God is acting and how you can best respond. **Today’s Readings: Acts 14:5–18; Psalm 115:1–2, 3–4, 15–16; John 14:21–26.**

Tuesday, May 12-Eternal Peace

Jesus offers a peace that no suffering or hardship can take away from us. His peace rises from God’s salvation: we who believe in our Lord’s triumph over sin and death no longer have anything to fear. St. Paul demonstrated confidence in this gift of peace when he resumes his mission right after nearly being killed for preaching the Gospel. Pray that whatever happens in your life, your faith in God’s gift of peace may remain unassailable. **Today’s Readings: Acts 14:19–28; Psalm 145:10–11, 12–13ab, 21; John 14:27–31a.**

Wednesday, May 13-Bearing Fruit

The first serious challenge to the unity of the Church was the question of whether Gentile converts had to obey the Jewish law. Since Jesus was Jewish, some people thought that those who believed in him must also become Jewish. Although the Church concluded that Christians did not also have to become Jews, we follow laws, such as the Ten Commandments that were given to the Jews. By obeying such laws we bear fruit, which Jesus, our true vine, commands us to do. What can you do to show you are bearing fruit? **Today’s Readings: Acts 15:1–6; Psalm 122:1–2, 3–4ab, 4cd–5; John 15:1–8.**

Thursday, May 14-St. Matthias, Apostle

Jesus reminds his disciples that he chose them; they did not choose him. This remains true when the disciples choose an Apostle to replace Judas. After narrowing the list of candidates, the disciples cast lots as a way of inviting God to choose between the two men. Do we readily invite God into our decision-making? Do we pray with the Scriptures and consult people who are faithful and wise? Do we open our hearts to God for a clear look at our motivations? **Today’s Readings: Acts 1:15–17, 20–26; Psalm 113:1–2, 3–4, 5–6, 7–8; John 15:9–17.**

Friday, May 15-Love One Another

Jesus tells us to “love one another,” but how exactly do we do that? One example is the way the Church dealt with the question of whether Gentile converts to Christianity had to become Jews. The Apostles wanted to ensure that both groups could come together for ritual meals in which they worshipped Christ. By resolving the dispute in a way that acknowledged the concerns of both parties, **the Apostles brought more people into the peace and friendship of Christ. In what specific way can you fulfill Christ’s commandment to love?** **Today’s Readings: Acts 15:22–31; Psalm 57:8–9, 10 and 12; John 15:12–17.**

Saturday, May 16-Respect

It seems hypocritical for Paul to have Timothy circumcised when he previously said that Gentiles did not need to be. What Paul understands, however, is that Timothy, whose mother is Jewish, must honor his Jewish heritage. By upholding Jewish practices, Paul and Timothy also show their fellow Jews the continuity between Judaism and faith in Christ. Try to learn something more about Judaism today. **Today’s Readings: Acts 16:1–10; Psalm 100:1b–2, 3, 5; John 15:18–21.**

Flocknote is Here!

Last week we announced the addition of *Flocknote* as part of the Basilica's effort to stay connected with the *flock*! If you would like to be part of our new communication tool, the easiest way to join is through the Basilica website, sacredheartcathedral.com. On the front page scroll down to the *Flocknote* registration box, fill in your first and last name, email address and cell phone number (for receiving text messages) then click the [Sign Me Up](#) button.

If you have been receiving email notifications from the parish over the last few weeks, I already have you registered in Flocknote, please **do not** sign up again. For those of you that have responded through *Flocknote* with your cell phone numbers, thank you! I have received them and they have been added to your profile.

We still have parishioners that are not connected in some way to receive parish information. If you know someone that is not receiving information from the Basilica, encourage them to stay connected and join *Flocknote*. If they try it and decide it's not a good fit, we can remove them.

FYI: When using *Flocknote* if you want replies to be private you must click the little box that says "Private".

On-line giving

Sacred Heart now has an on-line giving option on our parish website sacredheartcathedral.com. You will notice a DONATE button in our Mass Schedule section. Click on DONATE and it will direct you to our BB&T site. Here you can enter your credit card information on a secure website to make a one-time donation to the parish. If you wish to make a recurring donation, please contact the parish office, 304-342-8175 and ask to speak to Sheila Kerekes. Please be aware that any transaction fee charged by the card company will be taken at the time of donation and deducted from your contribution to the parish. This rate is normally 1 to 3 percent of your donation.

The Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston has set up on-line donations for each parish via the diocesan website DWC.org. Click #ISupportMYWVParish, and a list of parishes will be displayed. Locate Basilica of the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart (1111) and click DONATE. Enter your information and please include your envelope number (if possible) and hit Secure Payment. The diocesan office will forward funds to our parish monthly.

We appreciate your support during these difficult times. We hope all our families remain healthy and we look forward to worshipping together soon.

Mask Maker, Mask Maker, Make Me a Mask! *

Members of the Prayer Shawl Ministry are making masks for our parish as we prepare to return to the Basilica.

If you would like to help, please email Wanda Dettinger at: benwandadettinger@yahoo.com

Thank you!



*Apologies to Fiddler on the Roof

During a recent video meeting, Knights of Columbus 12630 has become aware that our neighbor Manna Meal is in need of donations. The number of people needing meals has increased by 1,000 in a recent two week period to 3,800 per week, including many people who have never needed emergency food services before. In addition, food donations from restaurants are down and expenses due to the need to follow strict food handling guidelines and provide To-Go containers have greatly increased. Our council has made a donation of \$250.00 and would like to encourage both our brother Knights and our parishioners to donate what they can afford. K of C 12630 would especially like to thank all of our generous parishioners who have donated to Father Thien and his Clay County Food Pantry and hope they will help support Manna Meal as well. Their address is 1105 Quarrier St., Charleston, WV 25301, to donate online go to mannameal.org or for information call (304) 345-7121 or Email: info@mannameal.org.

Parishioners,

Father Don and Father Binu are saying **Mass** via **Facebook Livestream** on Wednesdays at 8:00am and on Sundays at 10:00 am. Sunday Mass includes music. A worship aid with music for our Sunday Masses will be emailed each week and can also be found on our website sacredheartcathedral.com. Additionally, the Mass video will be available on the website for anyone who does not have access to Facebook or who was unable to watch live.



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May 7, 2020

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Peace be with you! This was the very greeting the Risen Christ spoke to His disciples who were gathered in a locked room out of fear. It seems extremely appropriate that I extend this greeting to you, His disciples, who have been confined to your homes and locked out of our churches. He breathed on them the Holy Spirit, and they were transformed by the gifts of that Spirit and set free.

As you know Governor Justice has begun the process of re-opening the State of West Virginia. This allows us to begin to resume celebrating Masses with congregations in our churches. The closing of churches and businesses occurred very quickly. The re-opening of businesses and of churches will be very different. Prudence demands that it occur in stages and be monitored carefully.

In planning for the resumption of public Masses in our churches, I have consulted with the priests from around the State and diocesan lay leaders. I am profoundly grateful that the directives we have developed will allow us to resume public Masses in the safest and most prudent manner possible.

I need to stress that this will not be an immediate return to the way it was before the closures. The enclosed directives are for a transitional phase until we are able to return fully to our normal way of celebrating Catholic liturgies. It will be necessary for priests and people to be disciplined in implementing the directives, lest carelessness lead to contributing to the spread of the Covid-19 virus. We will watch closely how the directives work in practice.

Know that I deeply appreciate your patience, understanding and cooperation. I continue to pray for all in our State during these challenging times. I pray particularly for those who have the coronavirus and for the families of those who have died from the virus. I pray that those who serve the victims of this virus, especially our health-care personnel, may be especially blessed for their dedication and courage.

As we approach the end of the Easter Season and the feast of Pentecost, let us open our hearts and minds and pray that the Holy Spirit will continue to be our strength and bless our future.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Mark E. Brennan
Bishop of Wheeling-Charleston



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Friday, May 8th, 2020

Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston Releases Guidelines to Resume Public Celebration of Mass

WHEELING, W.Va.—Most Rev. Mark Brennan, Bishop of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, has released a set of directives for the resumption of public Masses in the Catholic churches in West Virginia. “When the COVID-19 pandemic arrived, “the Bishop said, “we entered a Phase I, suspending the public celebration of Masses and closing our churches to protect the health and safety of our people. This new Phase II is a transitional phase, requiring the full cooperation of clergy and laity so that public Masses may be celebrated in the safest manner possible, until we can enter Phase III, the return to normal practice in our liturgical life.”

The directives were developed by a committee of clergy and lay leaders headed by Msgr. Eugene Ostrowski, the diocesan Vicar General, with input from pastors from around the State. They respect Catholic liturgical and pastoral principles as well as the guidance given by the Center for Disease Control, the World Health Organization and Governor Justice’s recommendations. They are formulated with great care to preserve the reverence due the Eucharist and its spiritual value for the faithful as well as our people’s physical wellbeing. The complete list of the directives is posted on the diocesan website: www.dwc.org.

Notable Directives

1. Public Sunday Masses are scheduled to begin with the Masses of May 23-24, 2020, if the parish plan submitted by the pastor in accordance with these directives is approved by the Bishop.
2. The dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass remains in effect until further notice. Sick persons and those more susceptible to infection – the elderly, those already in frail health – are urged to remain at home and participate in televised or online Masses. Anyone who fears being infected by attending Mass should stay home.
3. Social distancing will be required at Mass. Those who live in the same household may sit together; otherwise, there must be six feet of separation between persons. Every effort will be made to accommodate the faithful who come but once the reduced seating capacity of a church is reached, no others may enter the church. Some parishes will be able to arrange for audio/visual participation in Mass from a hall or gymnasium.
4. The faithful are to wear masks during Mass, except in the moment of receiving Holy Communion. If at all possible, they should bring their own masks, which may be made at home.
5. Some common though optional practices of a Catholic Mass will be omitted: the use of hymnals, holding hands at the Our Father, the Sign of Peace, the offering of the Precious Blood of Christ to the faithful.
6. In churches with multiple Masses, the church (and hall or gym, if used) will have to be sanitized between Masses, as well as before the first Mass and after the last.

Bishop Brennan said, “I am grateful to Msgr. Ostrowski and his team for their careful work on this plan to keep our faithful and our clergy as safe and healthy as possible as they ‘go rejoicing into the house of the Lord’ to celebrate together the sacred mysteries of our faith.”

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PHASE TWO: REOPENING OF CHURCHES FOR PUBLIC WORSHIP

DIOCESAN DIRECTIVES

With the announcement from Governor Justice of a phased reopening that allows for a return to public worship, the following directives are provided. They are based on current guidance issued by the World Health Organization (WHO) and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and other public health authorities. These guidelines also integrate the requirements of the Catholic Church for the valid and licit celebration of Mass, in accord with Catholic teaching, liturgical law, and canon law. They are formulated with great care to preserve and respect the reverence due to the Holy Eucharist and the powerful liturgical and sacramental symbolism of the rites we celebrate. The guidelines developed by the Thomistic Institute at the Pontifical Faculty of the Dominican House of Studies in Washington, D.C. were also utilized in the development of these directives. Phase I required the suspension of Masses with a congregation and the closure of our churches. Phase II is a transitional phase allowing for the resumption of public Masses, celebrated with prudent restrictions, as we move toward Phase III, the normal celebration of our Catholic liturgies.

A parish's or mission's inability and/or failure to comply with these directives can result in the closure of a church building and/or denial of the permission to celebrate liturgies. For example, the inability and/or failure to sanitize a church before and/or after use will result in closure of the facility.

GENERAL DIRECTIVES

1. **Once a parish or mission has submitted a plan to the Diocese that is consistent with all the directives contained herein (and observing any local governmental determinations) and the parish plan is approved by the Bishop, Masses may resume with reduced capacity at the earliest on Sunday, May 24 (including Saturday, May 23, anticipatory Mass).** Parish plans should be sent to the attention of the Chancellor, Mr. Chad Carter. For your convenience, a planning form to be filled out by the pastor, is included with these directives.

2. The faithful of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston are still dispensed from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass until further notice. Anyone who is sick should stay home, as should anyone who fears contracting a disease by attending Mass. Parishes should communicate clearly to parishioners who are vulnerable, that they should remain at home in accordance with the recommendations of the World Health Organization and the U.S. Center for Disease Control. Those who are vulnerable include those who are over the age of sixty-five (65), have existing heart or lung conditions, have diabetes, or are otherwise immuno-compromised. Such individuals should not volunteer or be asked to volunteer to fulfill liturgical ministries during this crisis.

3. Priests themselves must be aware of their own vulnerabilities. They must be aware of the possibility of becoming infected themselves or infecting others. They are obliged to exercise caution and prudence. Age and health may impose further restrictions and modifications. A priest with a respiratory infection of any kind should avoid celebrating public Masses or administering sacraments during this phase.

4. Pews and other commonly touched surfaces in the church (including doorknobs and handrails, restrooms) are to be regularly and thoroughly cleaned, particularly after recent usage. This includes sanctuary and sacristy. (See CDC recommendations on cleaning and disinfecting your facility. If an EPA-approved disinfectant is unavailable, you can use 1/3 cup bleach added to 1 gallon of water, or 70% alcohol solutions to disinfect. Do not mix bleach or other cleaning and disinfection products together.)

5. Place hand sanitizers near the entrances to a church. Encourage those entering and exiting to perform hand sanitizing hygiene.

6. Parishes are to ensure that social distancing (six feet of separation) is observed for all present inside the church, including ministers and members of the assembly.

7. In accord with current public health recommendations, the faithful should wear cloth face coverings over noses and mouths when in public, including when they come to church. Cloth face coverings should not be placed on young children under age 2, anyone who has trouble breathing, or anyone unable to remove the mask without assistance.

PARTICULAR DIRECTIVES FOR MASS

8. There are to be no social gatherings before or after Mass. This includes congregating in the vestibule of the church, on the steps of the church or in the church parking lot.

9. Vestibules and pews are to be cleared of all handouts, reading materials, hymnals, missalettes, and other permanent/semi-permanent worship aides; if your parish uses a Book of Intercessions that should also be removed at this time. If worship aides are needed, disposable aides can be used and are to be set on a table for individuals to pick up as they enter the church; worship aides are NOT to be distributed by an usher or greeter. Such aides are not reused from one Mass to the next and must be disposed of after each Mass. Appropriate licensing must be secured if producing a worship aide. In addition, if weekly bulletins are produced, they too should be placed on tables for individuals to pick up as they wish.

10. All Holy Water fonts and the baptismal font are to remain empty until further notice.

11. If multiple public Masses are scheduled on the same day, enough time is to be scheduled between each Mass to allow for a thorough disinfection of surfaces, for air within the building to be refreshed through ventilation/circulation, and for worship aides to be disposed of and replaced.

12. All ministers and all members of the assembly are to disinfect their hands upon entering the church. Ushers or hospitality ministers are to help facilitate this.

13. Strict social distancing is to be maintained. The faithful are to maintain a 6-foot distance from each other at all times. The first row (closest to the sanctuary) is to remain empty. Starting with the second pew, seating for the assembly begins. People are seated in every other pew – 6-feet apart from each other. Seating is so arranged that no one is directly behind the person or in front of them. (See the enclosed chart.) Pews 3,5,7, ..., are sealed off from entrance by tape, cord, etc. Ushers or hospitality ministers are to help facilitate this.

14. Members of a single household do not need to practice physical distancing with each other and so may sit together in the same row.

15. Seating will need to be limited depending upon the size of the church and its setup. The pastor or his designee must carefully determine and plan out the limited seating capacity consistent with social distancing norms. It is anticipated that limited seating capacity for your church will be approximately 20%-25% of total

seating capacity. It is also recommended that ushers actually seat people as they enter the church. Once seating capacity has been reached, there needs to be developed a pastoral and sensitive way of indicating to parishioners – “Sorry, we have reached capacity and by health guidelines are not permitted to allow anyone else into the church.” Utilizing overflow seating in a parish hall, gymnasium or other space is acceptable if you are able to project the video and audio of the Mass as it is being celebrated in the church (those in overflow seating must still wear masks and practice social distancing). At the time of Communion, an usher may come to the overflow seating area and lead all from that space to the church where they will receive Communion in the same manner as those seated in the church.

16. In Phase Two, the only ministers are the presider, a deacon (if present), con-celebrants (if present), one musician and a cantor (NO choirs) and ushers/hospitality ministers. There are no servers - youth or adult. One lector per Mass may be used if desired (see further guidelines in this document). An Extraordinary Minister of Communion (if a deacon is not present) may only be utilized when the presider is unable to distribute Communion himself. Ministers are to maintain a 6-foot distance from one another and the assembly. Greater care needs to be given to the selection of music so that it serves the liturgy, but is conscious of time. The Communion Rite may take longer than usual because of the manner of distribution. During Phase Two, simplicity should be preferred.

17. The faithful are to wear masks throughout the Mass except, at the moment, they consume the host. The ministers (the priest, deacon if present, and the lector) do not wear masks while in the sanctuary unless they are unable to maintain a six-foot distance from each other and the assembly. The presider must wear a mask during the distribution of Communion. In the event the presider is unable to distribute Communion, then a deacon or an Extraordinary Minister may do so while also wearing a mask.

18. Before Mass, the Missal can be placed on the altar. As well, all items for the Lavabo can be placed on the right side of the altar facing the assembly or on the credence table if it is near the altar.

19. The Entrance Procession proceeds from the Sacristy directly to the altar and should be conscious of social distancing.

20. The Sign of the Cross, Greeting and Penitential Rite can take place at the altar. A shorter option for the Penitential Act or sung setting of the Kyrie may be appropriate. When the Gloria is appropriate, it may be recited or a shorter sung setting is used. The Opening Prayer can be prayed from the altar.

21. All the readings may be proclaimed by the Presider. However if desired, one lector may be used with the following considerations: the lector will proclaim the First and Second Readings from the Ambo while the presider will proclaim the Gospel and give his homily from the location of the presider’s chair. Additionally if you have multiple Masses, photocopies of the lectionary readings and the Universal Prayer would have to be used for each lector as it is not practical to sanitize the individual pages of the lectionary. The cantor leads the Responsorial Psalm but from a separate microphone and music stand, NOT at the ambo.

22. Prayer of the Faithful/Universal Prayer should include petitions for those infected by the Coronavirus and those who cannot be present at Mass. They are read by the presider or the lector.

23. There is no collection taken up. A large basket should be placed in the main aisle next to the entrance of the first pew on the right, and another basket next to the entrance of the first pew on the left. As people process to Holy Communion, they can deposit their envelopes or cash in the baskets.

24. The presentation of gifts by members of the assembly is omitted.

25. The presider disinfects his hands before preparing the altar and gifts.

26. The ciboria for the congregation should be placed on a corporal away from the celebrant's paten and covered with lids or palls. Separate chalices for con-celebrating priests and deacons should be covered with palls until the reception of Communion. Social distancing is to be kept at the altar.
27. The lavabo for the presider takes place at the usual time with fresh water and a clean towel.
28. The holding of hands during the Lord's Prayer is strictly forbidden at this time.
29. The invitation "Let us offer each other the sign of peace" and the exchange of peace that follows are omitted.
30. Each con-celebrating priest and deacon is to consume the Precious Blood from separate chalices. Each priest and deacon is to purify the chalice he uses. Immediately after consuming the sacramental elements, priests and deacons are to disinfect their hands, even if they do not distribute Communion.
31. Distribution of Communion to the assembly:
 - a. The distribution of the Precious Blood to the laity is suppressed until further notice.
 - b. The minister of Communion wears a mask.
 - c. Holy Communion may not be distributed with gloves, nor may it be received with gloves. Tongs should not be used for the distribution of Holy Communion.
 - d. Prior to the distribution of Holy Communion, the following statement should be read: Please listen carefully to these instructions for receiving Holy Communion. As always, Catholics in the state of grace are welcome to receive the Sacrament although no one is obliged to receive it. Those not receiving sacramentally are urged to make a spiritual communion, inviting the Lord into their hearts. When approaching for Communion, form a single line in the middle of the center aisle and remain six feet apart from others, observing the markings on the floor. After the priest says, "The Body of Christ" and you say, "Amen," approach the priest, stopping an arm's length from him. Although you may receive either in the hand or on the tongue, the weight of medical opinion is that it is safer to receive in the hand. If you receive in the hand, extend your arms and open your hand up fully, keep your mask on until you step away from the priest, then lower the mask to consume the Host. If you receive on the tongue, lower your mask, extend your tongue fully and then move to the side. The priest must sanitize his hands after each person who receives on the tongue; otherwise, the priest only needs to sanitize his hands if he inadvertently touches someone's hand when Communion is received in that manner. Then return to your pew by the side aisle. Since there is no offertory collection, kindly bring your offering with you as you come up the aisle and drop it in the basket before approaching the priest for Holy Communion. Thank you for your attention to these matters.
 - e. There will be only one station for distributing Holy Communion under the form of Bread to the congregation. It will be in the center aisle at the foot of the sanctuary. There should be a small table to the side of the priest. On this table is to be placed a corporal, a purificator(s) and a hand disinfecting product. An ablution cup could also be on this table to purify one's fingers before using the sanitizer. When a priest sanitizes his hands, he first places the ciborium on the corporal and then disinfects.
 - f. To assist safe social distancing, tape should mark where people stand or stop during the reception of Communion. There should be tape markers beginning with where the priest stands for the distribution of Communion hosts. Then going back there should be tape markers every six feet so that communicants can maintain appropriate distancing as they process to receive Communion. There should also be a tape marker

about arm's length from where the priest stands – that will be the marker to stop and actually receive Communion from the priest.

g. Hospitality ministers (ushers) can assist with assuring proper practice.

32. Mass continues as usual. The Recessional is from the altar directly to the sacristy. Ushers (hospitality ministers) should dismiss people row by row starting from the pews that are closest to the exit. Parishes with livestreaming capabilities are encouraged to continue livestreaming practices during Phase Two, insofar as possible, in order to continue ministry to those who are sick and homebound, including those who are vulnerable and those whose concerns for personal safety keep them at home.

PUBLIC CELEBRATIONS OF THE SACRAMENTS IN PHASE TWO

33. Public celebrations of the Sacraments are again permitted as long as adequate spacing and social distancing are managed and maintained. If the Sacraments are celebrated within a Mass, the directives above pertaining to the Celebration of Mass are to be adhered to. When the celebration of a particular sacrament requires contact of less than six-feet, all taking part in that Sacrament including the presider, must wear a mask. The Celebration of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults – The Bishop has dispensed with two of the three Scrutinies. The appropriate text will be supplied by the Office of Worship and Sacraments for the one Scrutiny which is ideally celebrated within the context of Sunday Mass on May 24, but can be also done on a weekday prior to Pentecost. The Celebration of the Initiation Sacraments for the Elect and Reception into Full Communion (for those already baptized) will also take place on May 31 (Pentecost Sunday).

34. Baptisms -- New water is to be used and blessed for each baptism. Baptisms are celebrated in accord with the limitations listed above.

35. Confirmations -- The Confirmation schedule is being studied and will be adjusted in light of the Bishop's schedule. If celebrated in Phase Two, they are celebrated in accord with the limitations listed above.

36. Weddings can now be celebrated but they are to be celebrated in accord with the limitations listed above. Further, in Phase Two, bridal parties are reminded to maintain appropriate social distancing.

37. Funerals may be celebrated in accord with the limitations listed above. There are to be no parish sponsored funeral lunches.

38. Anointing of the Sick -- Priests are asked to be courageous and generously respond to those who are in proximate danger of death and request anointing and viaticum. Prudence should be exercised in the performance of this Sacrament. The priest should wear a face mask. In order for anointing to be valid, the priest must be physically present to the person. The priest should remain at least six feet from the recipient for the entirety of the Rite of Anointing, except for the actual moment of anointing. The laying on of hands should be omitted. When the moment comes for anointing, the priest should use a cotton swab for the actual anointing of the forehead omitting the anointing of the hands. He should drop the cotton swab into a paper sack, without touching the sack with his hands. He should immediately perform hand hygiene, using a hand sanitizer. Close the paper bag securely. Later the priest can burn the paper bag with the cotton swab inside. He should not reopen or re-use the paper bag.

39. Confessions – can be celebrated with the same conditions provided for Phase One that were guided by the same limitations listed above. In particular, the priest and the penitent must be six feet apart and both wearing masks. Care for privacy and confidentiality must be preserved. If there is a line of penitents waiting for confessions, they must preserve a six-foot distance between one another. Any commonly touched surfaces such as a chair or prie dieu should be wiped down/sanitized between each confession.

40. Churches may be kept open for private prayer in accord with the limitations listed above. However, a designated person must always be present to see where the visitor sits and what they touch and then to sanitize and clean those surfaces once the visitor leaves. There should be limited, set hours (NOT 24 hours a day) that a church is opened. The church should be sanitized after closing or before opening the next day.

41. Eucharistic Exposition is permitted for a designated time period (NOT for 24 hours a day) in accord with the limitations listed above. Benediction is permitted in accord with the limitations listed above. Whenever there is Eucharistic Adoration, someone must always be present. The church should be sanitized and cleaned before closing the church or before it opens the next day.