



# BASILICA OF THE CO-CATHEDRAL OF THE SACRED HEART



Pilgrimage Site for: Diocesan Shrine of Santo Niño  
“Annunciation” and “Tree of Life” Meditation Gardens

**Sixth Sunday of Easter - May 17th, 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  
Dunbar|Charleston  
<https://www.ewtn.com/radio/schedule>

## 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.

## Basilica of the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart

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Susan Malinoski, Principal 346-5491  
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Coleen M. Hoyer, Principal 342-8415

### SACRAMENTS

**Anointing of the Sick, Confession, Infant Baptism, Weddings**  
For information/to schedule any of the above 304-342-8175

### MUSIC

**Principal Organist:** Gregory Gray 380-4786  
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**Organist:** Ellen Olson

### OTHER PARISH GROUPS OR MINISTRIES

**Boy Scouts:** Michael Casey 380-3129  
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Dick Fauss, Grand Knight 965-6872  
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Sr. Ida Chikara, SJI 1-304-709-0026  
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### **Sharing Our Treasure - 5/10/2020**

Regular Collection: \$6,693 SMILE: \$460  
Partners In Hope: \$125 Needy Student: \$100  
Social Concerns: \$65 Holy Land: \$50

Thank you for your faithful generosity.

## **On-line giving**

Sacred Heart now has an on-line giving option on our parish website [sacredheartcocathedral.com](http://sacredheartcocathedral.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](http://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.

## ***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, [sacredheartcocathedral.com](http://sacredheartcocathedral.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".



Please keep in your prayers **Charles F. Donnelly**, who died May 6th. Our prayers and condolences for his wife Judy and his son Sean. Eternal rest grant to him, O Lord.

Our Knights and Ladies of the Golden Horseshoe Kanawha County has thirteen eighth grade Golden Horseshoe winners this year. Eleven are from CCHS: Tyler Brown, Nicole Gao, Andrew Hanna, Samara Harrison, Emilie McNeil, Joey Muchow, Avery Orr, Avery Persinger, Sarah Rahin, Tony Singh, and Hunter Wilkes. The winner from John Adams, Luke Workman, went to SHGS and is one of our altar servers. Congratulations to each of you! We are proud of your accomplishment.



## Sixth Sunday of Easter

### The Advocate

Heavenly Father, Sanctify our hearts with the gift of your Spirit. Empower us to continue the ministry of Jesus—to speak the truth with joy and gentleness, to comfort others in their sorrow and suffering, to **withstand evil in all its forms. Reveal your Son's enduring presence within and around us. Help us** reveal him to others in all that we do so that your love may be known and embraced by everyone and the world brought to new life in your Spirit. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sunday, May 17, 2020-For the Family

**Today's Readings: Acts 8:5–8, 14–17; Psalm 66:1–3, 4–5, 6–7, 16, 20; 1 Peter 3:15–18; John 14:15–21.** In John's account of the Gospel, Jesus refers to multiple commandments, but he gives only one: love one another. To love people—and we would add, to **cherish all of God's creation**—is to love the Risen Lord and, through him, the Father. That love first flowed the other way, from the **Father, through the Son, to the world. Love for and from God pulls the world back together. The Advocate, God's own Spirit, unites people and assures them that they are and always will be God's children.**

The Advocate also empowers believers to act as Jesus did. Philip fulfills this commissioning perfectly: he proclaims Christ, expels demons, and heals people. Then, when the Samaritans accept the Gospel, centuries of enmity are overcome as Jews and Samaritans are bound together by Baptism and the Holy Spirit. They become sisters and brothers of Christ and part of the new family of God, the Father.

Our Second Reading urges us to act as Christ did, both for our sake and for the sake of others. People will not always be as receptive to us as the Samaritans were to Philip. Only by responding intelligently but peaceably will we persuade people of the enduring joy that comes from following Christ. By speaking and acting with gentle and patient persistence, we will be brought to life in the Spirit.

### This Week at Home

Monday, May 18-Journeys

**The Advocate that Jesus promised has unmistakably filled St. Paul. For the rest of the Easter season we will hear about Paul's** extensive travels and missionary work. Paul takes every opportunity to tell others about Christ and to enter into fellowship with them. Make a map of your Christian journey. What significant moments are on that map? **Today's Readings: Acts 16:11–15; Psalm 149:1b–2, 3–4, 5–6a and 9b; John 15:26–16:4a.**

Tuesday, May 19-Revealing Righteousness

Jesus promises to send an Advocate who will reveal whether a person is ultimately righteous or sinful. In Acts, the jailer recognizes that Paul and Silas are righteous despite their imprisonment. The jailer is so impressed by their behavior that he listens to them and is baptized. **Are there people you don't listen to because you are certain they are wrong? Do they have some words of truth to offer you?** **Today's Readings: Acts 16:22–34; Psalm 138:1–2ab, 2cde–3, 7c–8; John 16:5–11.**

Wednesday, May 20-A Gospel for All

**Jesus helps his disciples prepare for his death. He also promises that the "Spirit of truth" will give them insight into future events so that they can act in his name. This Spirit is active in Paul as he preaches in Athens, a city renowned for its diversity. Paul's ministry in that city anticipates the spread of the Gospel to the wider and still more diverse world. Today, the Gospel is lived and expressed in countless ways. What are some Catholic practices unique to your area or culture?** **Today's Readings: Acts 17:15, 22–18:1; Psalm 148:1–2, 11–12, 13, 14; John 16:12–15.**

Thursday, May 21-The Ascension of the Lord

In ancient texts, revered people were sometimes shown being taken up into heaven. Their ascension was a metaphor for divine approval. **Luke draws on this imagery to show that God approves of Jesus but also that Jesus shares God's power. Having ascended, Jesus is no longer physically constrained but is spiritually and sacramentally present in those who are baptized.** **Today's Readings: Acts 1:1–11; Psalm 47:2–3, 6–7, 8–9; Ephesians 1:17–23; Matthew 28:16–20.**

Friday, May 22-Everlasting Joy

Jesus insists that his disciples will soon be filled with a joy from God that no one can take away. This promise seems to clash with the **passage from Acts where Paul is unjustly treated by a mob and those in authority don't care. Paul, however, compelled by love and gratitude for Christ, continues his ministry.** **Today's Readings: Acts 18:9–18; Psalm 47:2–3, 4–5, 6–7; John 16:20–23.**

Saturday, May 23-Our Every Need

Jesus tells his disciples that soon God will give them whatever they ask. Often, however, we receive without asking. Apollos receives much needed instruction about the Christian faith. The Christian community then receives in Apollos a well-formed and compelling preacher. Surprise someone by doing something helpful but unexpected for them today. **Today's Readings: Acts 18:23–28; Psalm 47:2–3, 8–9, 10; John 16:23b–28.**



### 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](mailto:benwandadettinger@yahoo.com) Thank you!

\*Apologies to Fiddler on the Roof

## A Note from the Rector...



Dear Parishioners,

Greeting in the Risen Lord!

I am writing to you concerning the reopening of our Basilica. I wish to share with you important information concerning the procedures given to us by our Bishop for a careful and safe return.

### REVISED MASS SCHEDULE

Our Public Sunday Masses will begin with Masses on May 23<sup>rd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup>.

Our Mass times will be as follows until further notice,

Saturday Vigil 5:30pm

Sunday 8am, 10am and 12 Noon

We will not have the 5pm Sunday Mass.

Weekday Mass will be at 12pm. There will be only one daily Mass.

### DISPENSATION STILL IN PLACE

Bishop Brennan has continued the dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass until further notice. Persons who are ill and those more susceptible to infection, the elderly, or those already in frail health, are urged to remain at home and participate in televised or online Mass. Anyone who fears being infected by attending Mass should stay home.

### WHAT TO EXPECT AT MASS

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. Everyone will be required to wear a mask during Mass, except in the moment of receiving Holy Communion. You are asked to bring your own mask. We will have some available if you forget to bring one. Some common practices will be omitted: the use of hymnals—we will provide a one-use worship aid, holding hands during the Our Father, the Sign of Peace, and the offering of the Precious Blood. The Church will be opened 20 minutes before Mass. You are to use the main entrance of the Basilica on Leon Sullivan Way. You will be greeted by an usher, making sure you use the provided hand sanitizer and are wearing a mask. An usher will escort you to your reserved pew. You are asked not to gather anywhere else in the Church. The usher will release your pew for Communion and release your pew to leave at the end of Mass. You may leave the Church by any exit while maintaining social distance guidelines.

## SANITIZATION

Our pews, floors, doors and restrooms will be sanitized before the first Mass and after the last Mass. If you use the restroom, you will be asked to wipe any surface you have touched with wipes that we will provide.

## RESERVING A TIME FOR MASS

According to the health guidelines, we have a limit of 75 people allowed in our Basilica for each Mass. We require that you reserve a pew. We have pews for families, couples, and singles. Please contact Angie Hodges at [ahodges@shccwv.us](mailto:ahodges@shccwv.us) or 304-342-8175 by Noon on Fridays to reserve a time for a Sunday or Weekday Mass.

## OPENING AND CLOSING OF THE BASILICA

Our Church door will open 20 minutes before the Mass is set to begin. After Mass ends, the doors will be locked to allow enough time to sanitize before the next Mass. This schedule will be in place for all Sunday and weekday Masses.

## UPDATE CONTACT INFORMATION

We have started using Flocknote, which is an information platform. We can send you timely information by way of email or a text. Please contact Angie Hodges at [ahodges@shccwv.us](mailto:ahodges@shccwv.us) or 304-342-8175 to update your contact information such as your email or cell phone number.

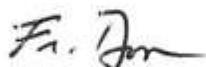
I know this will be very different and challenging for all of us. I ask for your patience, understanding and cooperation. We will adapt if and when the need warrants.

If you have any questions, please contact our parish office or you may call me on my cell.

Let us continue to pray for each other in these difficult times. Pray for those who have the corona virus and for the families of those who have died from the virus. May those who serve the victims of this virus be protected and be given strength.

In this month of May dedicated to our Blessed Mother, may she intercede for us and the whole world.

Yours in the Risen Lord,



Fr. Donald X. Higgs  
Rector 304-685-2367



OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

## DIOCESE OF WHEELING-CHARLESTON

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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



## DIocese of Wheeling-Charleston

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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.