

## **Public Masses to Resume on the Weekend of June 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>**

Great and most wonderful news! Archbishop Nelson Pérez has announced that parishes of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia will be able to resume public Masses the **weekend of June 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>**. Here at St. Frances Cabrini Parish, we are looking forward to welcoming you back to the celebration of Mass, **beginning with our Saturday evening Vigil Mass at 5:30 PM! Our 9:30 AM daily Mass will begin on Monday morning, June 8<sup>th</sup>**. At this time, **let us keep our eyes fixed on Jesus as we make our way back to the in-person celebration of the Mass.**

While Bucks County remains in the Yellow Phase of the statewide re-opening, all parishioners are being respectfully asked to do their part to make sure that our return to Mass is a peaceful and safe experience for everyone. Although somewhat long, may I ask that you please take the time to read the following Guidelines, and we respectfully ask everyone to follow these Guidelines when coming to participate at Mass during the Yellow Phase:

### **GENERAL POINTS**

- **The obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation continues to be lifted during the Yellow Phase. No one is required to attend Mass at this time.**
- Please stay home if you are sick.
- Please stay home if you are at higher risk of severe illness with COVID19. If you are uncertain about your risk status, please consult your doctor and also the CDC Guidelines at the following link.  
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/need-extra-precautions/people-at-higher-risk.html>
- For those not able to participate at Mass in person, we will be continuing to live-stream our weekly Sunday Mass. **Beginning on June 7<sup>th</sup>, we will be streaming our 11:00 AM Mass.**

### **MASS SCHEDULE**

- Due to the need to clean the church building after each Mass, our Weekend Mass Schedule will be as follows:

**Saturday evening at 5:30 PM**  
**Sunday Morning at 7:00 AM and 11:00 AM**

**For the time being, we will not have a 9:00 AM Mass.**

**To avoid lines before each Mass, the doors will be open one half hour before Mass.**

### **BEFORE COMING TO MASS**

- Please wash your hands for 20 seconds using soap and water.
- Before entering the Church, please put on a face mask or cloth covering. Exceptions to this are “children younger than 2 years old, anyone who has trouble breathing or unable to remove the cloth face covering without assistance” (CDC Guidelines).
- Please do not come to Mass, if you are sick or are at higher risk for severe illness with COVID19.

- Our blue prayer books will not be in the pews for the foreseeable future; however, we intend to provide the Parish Bulletin which will contain the readings and music for Mass. The Parish Bulletin can be picked up as you enter the church and we ask that you take home the Parish Bulletin after Mass. We respectfully ask that nothing be left in the pews at the end of Mass.

## **ENTERING THE CHURCH**

- We will be having two entrances to the church building. Parishioners can use the doors near the Blessed Mother statue or the main entrance to the church building.
- Hand sanitizers will be available at the church entrances. Please use the hand sanitizer upon entering and exiting the church.
- Parish Bulletins with the worship aid will be available as you enter the church.
- Ushers will escort each person, each family to their pew. We will be filling the front sections first.

## **SEATING**

- When taking your seat, please honor all posted signs about where you may sit. Every third pew will be used for seating to ensure proper social distancing. Please remain in the pew to which you were escorted.
- Members of the same household may sit together as normal. Please maintain 6 feet between your household and another parishioner.

## **DURING MASS**

- There will be limited singing.
- For the offertory collection, we will be utilizing long-handled baskets.
- There will be no Offertory Procession.
- There should be no holding of hands during the Our Father.
- There will be no Sign of Peace during Mass.
- The Precious Blood will not be distributed during Mass.

## **RECEPTION OF HOLY COMMUNION**

- For the reception of Holy Communion, rather than coming up to receive Holy Communion, the priest, deacon and communion ministers will come to the congregation moving through the open pews to approach the communicant. If a person is not going to receive the Blessed Sacrament, we respectfully ask that the person simply fold one's arms over their chest, thus indicating that they are making a spiritual communion at Mass.
- During the Yellow Phase, the faithful are respectfully asked to receive Holy Communion in the hand. If a person is not able to accommodate this request, please verbally indicate your intention to the Communion Minister.
- Please remove your mask before receiving Holy Communion by simply removing one side of the mask or lowering it beneath your chin. After receiving Holy Communion, please return to wearing your mask until you leave the church building.
- Gloves should not be worn during the reception of Holy Communion.

## EXITING THE CHURCH

- Parish Bulletins are to be taken home.
- At the conclusion of Mass, an usher will lead parishioners out of the church beginning in the back of each section so that parishioners are not walking past one another. Please wait in the pew until the usher arrives to lead you out.
- Parishioners are asked not to congregate for any reason but rather go directly to their vehicle.
- Masks are to remain on until you exit the church building.
- As promised, Blessed Palm will be available outside church after Mass.
- As promised, Easter Holy Water will also be available outside church after Mass.

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

As we move forward and continue our planning for the resumption of our public Masses, we respectfully invite your cooperation as we come together for the celebration of Mass. We are in need of many volunteers to assist with the ushering at each Mass and also with the cleaning of the church after each Mass. **If you can volunteer, please send an email to Audrey Wilson at [awilson@saintfrancescabrini.net](mailto:awilson@saintfrancescabrini.net) or call the rectory at 215-946-4040. Thank you.**

## OUR COMMITMENT TO YOU

Here at St. Frances Cabrini, we will be following the Guidelines from the CDC for sanitation as we resume public Masses.

- CDC Guidelines can be found at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/php/faith-based.html>

For the past few weeks, our Pastoral Staff has been attending Archdiocesan webinars in anticipation of re-opening our church building for Public Masses. More recently, we formed a Parish Committee to assist us in our preparations. I am most grateful for their assistance.

Again, we look forward to gathering to celebrate Mass in-person, and once again, hear God's word and receive the Lord Jesus in the Holy Eucharist.