

MAY 17
2020



SIXTH
SUNDAY OF

Easter

Jesus said,
“I will ask the Father,
and he will give you another Advocate
to be with you always,
the Spirit of truth.”

JOHN 14:16-17

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As Jesus prepared the apostles for the time when he would no longer be with them physically, and knowing that they would face hardship, trials, and persecution in the future, he promised them an Advocate, the Holy Spirit. Through baptism that same Spirit dwells within us, always with us to guide us in the truth of God's love and strengthen us so that we may know Christ and live as Christ's

people. Now, as in every time, God knows it is not always easy to live as a Christian. With the assurance of the Holy Spirit's presence, we find the grace to love Jesus and to keep the Lord's commandments.

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Mass Intentions

Sunday, May 17, 2020 – 9:00 am - LIVE STREAM – VIEW ON-LINE
Monday, May 18, 2020 – 8:00 am – VIEW ON-LINE
Tuesday, May 19, 2020 – 8:00 am – VIEW ON-LINE
Wednesday, May 20, 2020 – 8:00 am – VIEW ON LINE
Thursday, May 21, 2020 - 8:00 am VIEW ON-LINE
Friday, May 22, 2020 - 8:00 am - VIEW ON-LINE
Sunday, May 23, 2020 – 9:00 am – LIVE STREAM – VIEW ON-LINE



D.J.S. Patrick Co., Inc.

Father Sebastian celebrates daily Mass, privately, at St. Rose at 8:00am. Mass is video taped and posted on our Facebook profile (St. Patrick Church of Wilton Center) immediately after; and also put on our website. All Mass intentions that were scheduled will be re-scheduled when the “shelter in place” mandate has been lifted.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

For the new fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019, the weekly Sunday collection goal is \$2,090.37

Sunday, May 10.....\$1,735.00

Thank you for your support of our Parish.



Catholic Ministries Appeal

Parish Goal: \$ 10,200.00
Amount Pledged: \$ 10,432.00
Amount Paid: \$ 8,327.00
Balance Due \$ 2,105.00

Thank you for your generous response.



Our Two
Week Candle
is
burning for
Gordon Flint
Req. by
Marge Flint

PROPOSED MULTIPHASE PLAN for Resumption of Worship in Our Churches

May 13, 2020 - My Friends in the Risen Savior,

This communication comes to you as we continue to celebrate the 50 days of Easter. These days are marked by unprecedented suffering as brothers and sisters across the globe have fallen victim to a perilous contagion. In addition to the threats to our physical well-being, we are suffering spiritually as the COVID-19 pandemic has required restrictions of our worship and active participation in the sacramental life of the Church.

There have been moments in history, surely, when governments and rulers have persecuted Christians and barred their public worship. This is not one of them. Rather, the present restrictions come in response to an extreme medical emergency as local, state and federal health authorities – specifically public health officials – legitimately fulfill their responsibilities to safety and human life and the common good. They have based their reasonable guidance on careful consideration of empirical data and the best available disease-mitigation practices as they seek to contain the pandemic's rage through our communities.

While everyone must exercise good citizenship in observing these restrictions, I call on the Catholic faithful, both as good citizens and as advocates for justice and charity, to comply with these regulations. From the earliest times of Sacred Scripture, we learn that our "brother's keeper," is a truth that must inspire us as we are called to sacrifice in line with the virtue of patience. We should also be motivated by life and human dignity. This is, at its least, a time to proclaim the breadth and depth of what it means to be pro-life, especially as this virus preys on the most vulnerable in our midst.

The good news is that a plan for gradual reopening of our churches has now taken shape, as I note below. However, since our movements will be restricted as this plan unfolds in different places, your priests and I will continue for the present time to offer Mass privately each day and live-stream and broadcast Masses from our parishes and the diocese. Joined by the priest residents of the Cathedral of St. Raymond Nonnatus, I offer Mass live-streamed six days a week at 9:00AM at the Cathedral and 10:00AM on Sunday at: <https://www.youtube.com/c/DiocesEOFJolietIL> All of those who have engaged with us in enabling technology to bring the Mass and other services to our homes are to be genuinely thanked. On short notice, they have accomplished a remarkable service on our behalf.

These celebrations surely are not the same as gathering in our churches for Mass, but I know from hearing from many parishioners that they provide a great deal of solace and support in this time of uncertainty.

We must be honest about the coronavirus. We expect this situation to continue for some weeks, and any plan for reopening our Churches for public worship must include every precaution to ensure public safety.

With those realities in mind, I am heartened to announce that we have reached an agreement with the Office of the Governor on a multi-phase Plan for re-opening our churches for the celebration of the sacraments, private prayer, adoration and Mass. As I share the Plan with you, both by way of an Executive Summary and the full Plan in the following pages, I want to assure you of my prayers for you and your family's personal, material and spiritual wellbeing. I also express my appreciation to the many people on the diocesan staff and in the Office of the Governor for the many hours they have given to designing and fine tuning this agreement. Again, I call on all Catholics to seize this moment to exercise faith-filled citizenship in a way that reflects our deep regard for life, our calling as disciples of Jesus and our love of country.

Sincerely yours in Christ, +Richard E. Pates, Apostolic Administrator

Parishes of The Diocese of Joliet
Phased Re-Opening May 13, 2020
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This document is an Executive Summary of the multi-phased protocols and procedures, known as **THE PLAN**, for reopening churches and resuming public participation in the sacramental life of the Church for the Catholic dioceses in Illinois. The full Plan is provided at the end of this Executive Summary. The Plan has been developed by the bishops of the Chicago Province in consultation with and the approval of state and local public health officials and civil authorities.

Four guiding principles undergird the multi-phased Plan:

1. Everything possible should be done to provide people the solace of the church's sacramental life in a timely and reasonable way.
2. The current situation in Illinois remains dangerous and fragile. While much has been achieved, there remains the potential that the gains could be lost by a second more virulent wave.
3. Trust needs to be established that the top priority in any Plan is the safety and wellbeing of our parishioners. We cannot take for granted that people will return just because churches are reopened.
4. Calling people to exercise faithful citizenship will be key. Each Catholic will need to take personal responsibility for the common good as well as their own safety.

With these principles in mind, a Plan to prudently and gradually resume the full scope of public sacramental celebrations, liturgies and faith practices, has been designed. The Plan envisions a set of required measures and phases. There will be an ongoing review of the Plan so that adjustments are made in accord with new data. The basics of the Plan are as follows:

1. A robust **communications** effort to inform parishes and parishioners of the Plan and any updates to it.
2. Each parish needs to **recruit** non-vulnerable volunteers at the parish level to assist the pastor in implementing the Plan.
3. The selected volunteers are to complete **training** by way of a webinar. The training will begin the week of May 18.
4. A required **certification** of readiness to reopen will be required of each parish at each phase. Each parish is to complete an implementation template confirming completion of all action steps and demonstrating that there are a sufficient number of trained volunteers to execute it.
5. **Phase I** allows for parishes to reopen for Baptism, Reconciliation, Weddings and Funerals with a limit of 10 attendees.
6. **Phase IA** allows for parishes to reopen for private prayer and adoration with a limit of 10 attendees. Given the training schedule noted above, it is anticipated that all parishes, if they choose to do so, could be opened by May 23 for Phase I and by May 30 for Phase IA.
7. **Phase II** allows for reopening for weekday and weekend Masses for larger groups depending on the guidelines from the state and the capacity of the church building.
8. Through ongoing discussions with pastors, health care professionals and civil authorities, there will be a **review** of the Plan at each stage with an eye to making adjustments in accord with new data.

MULTI-PHASED PLAN FOR REOPENING CHURCHES

PHASE I: Limited Sacramental Celebrations and Private Prayer

Parish Actions and Responsibilities

- The pastor will need the assistance of the parish community, as he will be required to create a parish leadership team consisting of 6 people, including himself, to co-manage operations and to supervise cleaning, set-up and greeting.
- The parish deacon or parish business manager or someone designated by the pastor will serve as the compliance manager for the parish and assist with the submission of necessary compliance forms.
- The entire team of leaders is required to attend training and submit an implementation template for reopening, which needs to be reviewed and certified by the Diocese of Joliet.
- The parish will need to maintain an on-going procurement program for safety and cleaning supplies. *
- Based on go-forward approval by the diocese, each parish will have the prerogative to offer Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals, and Reconciliation in the church within the current limit of 10 attendees excluding ministers and on-site staff ("Phase I").
- With additional preparation, each parish may optionally offer Eucharistic Adoration and private prayer times ("Phase IA"). In choosing to do so, parish leadership teams must comply with all published bishops' guidelines outlining precautions preparing for, during and after the rite(s).

NOTE: During Phase I, parishes will not be allowed to offer either daily or Sunday Mass, even with 10 or fewer attendees. The resumption of public Mass, regardless of the number of attendees, is a more complex process, which requires the input of lessons that will be learned from Phase I. To that end, parishes and the diocese will collaborate to gather data to improve the protocols and processes of the Plan before we move to worship services in Phase II.

Diocese of Joliet Actions and Responsibilities

The diocese, depending on capacity, will provide the following services to support the parishes and pastors:

- Provide parishes information on securing supplies or a list of preferred vendors for supplies throughout the phases of the Plan. *
- Conduct required training webinars for clergy, parish leaders and volunteers, to assist the pastor in managing the Plan in each phase. The Archdiocese of Chicago will develop a standard webinar based on these guidelines and make it available to our diocese.
- Create and distribute to parishes a video message from Bishop Pates to explain the Plan for reopening churches.
- Evaluate and certify parish proposals for opening during the phases. Create a dedicated email box that will be monitored by staff to answer questions or otherwise support parishes that feel they cannot open safely without additional help.
- Gather and evaluate data from parishes on their Phase I and IA experience to adapt Phase II protocols for larger numbers, which will include public Mass.
- Work with government officials to explore possible increases in crowd size taking into consideration the capacity of church buildings.

PHASE II: Resumption of Public Masses

This will occur once all preparations have been made and permission is granted by public authorities.

Parish Actions and Responsibilities

In Phase II parishes may apply for certification to offer daily and Sunday Mass. Parishes will also continue to celebrate Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals, Sacrament of Reconciliation and Adoration. Given the more complex nature of celebrations of the Mass, entering Phase II will require parishes to:

- Expand the number of parish team members if civil authorities permit an increase in the crowd size for Phase II.
- Maintain an on-going procurement program for safety and cleaning supplies. *
- Continue recruitment and training of new, non-vulnerable volunteers as needed.
- Develop logistical procedures in accord with the guidelines of the Plan to manage more frequent and larger services that cover actions before, during and after the rites.
- **Implement a safe and secure attendance reservation/ ticketing system to maintain order and facilitate possible contact tracing of infection.**
- Submit a detailed proposal to the Diocesan Coordinating Team for implementing Phase II.

Diocesan Actions and Responsibilities

To support the parishes in the preparation and implementation of Phase II, the diocese will:

- Establish and update requirements for all services and rites according to the standards of government officials, health care experts and church authorities.
- Review and certify all parish proposals for reopening with celebration of Mass.
- Provide additional required webinars and training, as needed.
- Create and distribute to parishes a video message from Bishop Pates to explain procedures for attendance at Mass in Phase II.
- Conduct random assessments over time to ensure continued compliance with published requirements.
- Gather feedback from parishioners across the diocese on how well the safety protocols are working and how comfortable they are with church precautions for their safety.
- Continually monitor feedback on execution and resources to assist in problem solving through on-going communication with parish leadership, state and local authorities and public health officials.

*The procurement of necessary supplies and materials can be ordered through the offices of Neil Harris at nharris@dioceseofjoliet.org and phone at: 815-221-6179 or Chris Nye at cnye@dioceseofjoliet.org and phone at: 815-221-6194



**PLEASE REMEMBER IN
YOUR PRAYERS**

Marge Flint; Nancee Long,
Shay Phelan, Lisa Bernhard,
Cecelia Mundt; Fr. Jim Lennon; Gary Ul-
man; ; Nicole Flint; Brett Burkhalter ; Cathy
Engler; Grace Niemiec; Russ McClellon;
Bob Johnson ; Fr. Steve Bondi; Steve Nie-
miec; Liz Brooks

**PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE IF YOU
WOULD LIKE TO BE PUT ON THE
PRAYER LIST.**

**Intention of the Holy Father
MONTH OF MAY**

- We pray that deacons, faithful in their service to the Word and the poor, may be an invigorating symbol for the entire Church.

If you or a loved one would like to be put on the prayer list because of illness, rehab, or living at a health care center please let the office know. If there is an emergency and you need a priest, Fr. Sebastian will be available and can be reached at : 1(815) 478-3440 ex. 102 or 815-476-7491 and then press 1.

We have a small group of volunteers willing to help get groceries, medications, etc. Or if you need financial assistance there are limited funds available. Please call the parish office and leave a message for Linda.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK
May 17, 2020**



- Monday: Acts 16:11-15; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Jn 15:26 – 16:4a
- Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8; Jn 16:5-11
- Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22 – 18:1; Ps 48:1-2, 11-14; Jn 16:12-15
- Thursday: Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Eph 1:17-23; Mt 28:16-20 (for Ascension); otherwise Acts 18:1-8; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 16:16-20
- Friday: Acts 18:9-18; Ps 47:2-7; Jn 16:20-23
- Saturday: Acts 18:23-28; Ps 47:2-3, 8-10; Jn 16:23b-28
- Sunday: Acts 1:12-14; Ps 27:1, 4, 7-8; 1 Pt 4:13-16; Jn 17:1-11a; or (for Ascension) Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Eph 1:17- 23; Mt 28:16-20

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCE

- Sunday: Sixth Sunday of Easter
- Monday: St. John I
- Wednesday: St. Bernardine of Siena
- Thursday: The Ascension of the Lord (transferred to Sunday); St. Christopher Magallanes & Companions
- Friday: St. Rita of Cascia

Senior Assistance will be closed on May 21, 2020. Calls will continue to be returned to messages left at 708-258-6917.



STRENGTHENED TO LIVE AS CHRIST'S OWN

We might look at the world around us and conclude that this is the most challenging time in history during which to live as a person of faith. Yet we know this is not so. Throughout the ages, people of faith have faced mockery, persecution, and even death as a result of their commitment to Christ. Still, it is important for us to acknowledge the challenge of living as a Christian today, when faith is viewed with ambivalence at best, and often with antagonism. Some do not understand how faith and reason can sit side by side, even though many of the world's greatest scientific discoveries have been made by people of faith. Others see the failures of the Church or its leaders and discount faith as a result. We rely on the powerful presence of the Holy Spirit to be with us when we are mocked or simply misunderstood on account of our faith in Jesus Christ. Through the Holy Spirit, we will find the grace to live with conviction as Christian people.

THE REASON FOR OUR HOPE

Saint Peter admonishes us, "Always be ready to give an explanation to anyone who asks you for a reason for your hope." One of the greatest gifts of faith in our lives is our hope in Christ Jesus. Through Christ, we keep our eyes on the wider view of life here on earth and everlasting life with God. We know that the trials and challenges of today do not have the final word, and do not have power over us. With the presence of the Advocate, we have the help we need to live as God directs and desires, so that the world might come to know Christ through the witness of our lives. This is a hope-filled, meaningful way of life. When so much of our surrounding culture speaks of impermanence and momentary distractions, we have the hope of meaning and purpose today and the promise of eternal life to come.

Today's Readings: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20; 1 Pt 3:15-18; Jn 14:15-21

5/17/2020