

Dear Parishioners,

I am sending out this **special Friday email blast** to keep you posted on protocols related to daily and Sunday Mass for our Parish. Our Pastoral Staff have met a few times during this week to carefully reflect on the CDC and State of Ohio protocols as we also await directives from the Diocese of Cleveland. In light of our meetings, at this moment we have determined to do the following.

1. We intend to move **slowly and cautiously** in an effort to make Resurrection a safe, healthy and prayerful environment for everyone who comes to worship.
2. We are asking everyone to continue wearing masks, at least for the next number of weeks until we can see some further continuing evidence of the reduction in the virus in public settings. We are also conscious that some of our young people and children have still not been fully vaccinated. In solidarity with them and as a caution, we will continue wearing masks while at Mass.
3. Moving cautiously during the month of June, we anticipate you seeing the following:
 - a. The Seating Pattern will return to the 8 sections as we had prior to the closing of public worship. (upon reopening last year May, we created 12 smaller sections of seating. We will review the communion pattern as surely, most of us have forgotten what it was pre-pandemic.
 - b. All rows will be open, and we will add chairs so that people have ample opportunities to spread out according to their comfort level.
 - c. Hand Sanitizer will be available in the Gathering Area and in the Worship Space itself.
 - d. Hymnals will be returned to chairs.
 - e. The Baptismal Font will be filled
 - f. Eucharistic Ministers will begin distributing the Body of Christ.
 - g. The Precious Blood will not be distributed for the foreseeable future.
 - h. We will continue providing the Live Stream of the Mass at 5:30pm, 9am, 11am and Wednesday at 8:30am. This will be reviewed again in the Fall.
 - i. We have scheduled one outdoor mass at least every other week through the Summer.

- j. Hopefully by mid-summer we will return to having after Mass Socials in Trivison Hall. We will begin with beverages only for the first few weeks.
- k. The nursery will re-open after Labor Day
- l. Children's Liturgy of the Word will begin shortly after Labor Day
- m. Servers will be recruited and trained in September with an anticipation of starting their ministry again in October.
- n. In person parish meetings will begin again with a Zoom option when and where appropriate.

I am so very grateful to all of you for your kind attention to the adjustments that all of us need to make as we move forward. I suspect for some; we are moving too fast and for others not nearly fast enough. Please know we are doing our very best to take everyone and everything into consideration as we cautiously move forward.

Trust that in this ever-changing environment, you will receive a few more emails as things change and develop. In the meantime, let us continue to pray for one another.

Fr. Tom Dragga