

Dear Friends in Christ:

Our diocesan administrator, Fr. Daniel Firmin, has announced that we may resume the public celebration of mass on Monday, May 25. Here at St. Peter the Apostle, morning mass will be celebrated that day at the usual time, 7:30 a.m. Daily masses will be celebrated at 7:30 a.m. thereafter.

Our first weekend masses will be celebrated on May 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> – the solemnity of Pentecost. We will celebrate the sacraments that weekend at the usual times - Confession at 4:30 and mass at 5:30 on Saturday, and masses at 7:30, 9:00, and 11:15 on Sunday.

**PLEASE NOTE:**

If you are ill or if you are not prepared to return to mass, you are not obliged to attend. Those who are not comfortable at this time are dispensed through the end of June.

- To ensure social distancing, alternate pews will be blocked off.
- Communion will be offered in the hand only.
- Communion will be distributed by the priest/deacon only in the center aisle. Those seated in the side sections should walk to the back of the church and approach the altar down the center aisle.
- Marks on the floor of the center aisle will indicate appropriate distancing.
- Hand sanitizer will be available in the narthex and use is mandatory for everyone entering the church. (If you cannot use alcohol based sanitizer, please bring with you the product you can use.)
- Pews will be wiped down between masses.
- Hymnals will not be used. We will provide single use song sheets.
- Congregating in front of the church after mass is not allowed.

We will be working to get things back on track as the move closer to the start-up date. Schedules for lectors, altar servers, Eucharistic Ministers, etc., will be forthcoming. Choosing dates for First Sacraments and Confirmation is in process – we will let you know as soon as we can when these are to be celebrated. Please be patient while we get the gears turning again.

We look forward to seeing you at the end of May.

Fr. Michael J. Kavanaugh