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Saint Columbkille Parish

Worship God, Sɛrvɛ Othɛrs, Form Disciplɛs

Dear St. Columbkille Parishioners,

Daily Masses resume now at 8:15am Monday through Saturday

Weekend Masses resume on May 30th and 31st for Pentecost at

4pm Saturday vigil, 8am, 10am and 12pm on Sunday

Extensive guidelines have been issued by the diocese to help us stay safe and a lot of work has gone into providing a safe environment to worship. For a detailed list of guidelines visit the site:

<https://www.dioceseofcleveland.org/forward-in-christ/overview> **Please**

note that the dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass remains in effect for all Catholic faithful who reside in the Diocese of

Cleveland until further notice. With this in mind, here is what you need to know about returning to both weekday and weekend Mass at St. Columbkille.

1. There will be only **one** weekday Mass at **8:15am Monday through Saturday.**
2. After collecting all your feedback I have decided that our weekend Mass schedule will be **4pm Saturday Vigil, 8am, 10am, and 12pm on Sunday.**
3. The faithful are obliged to wear a face covering upon entering the church and during the celebration of mass, except for the brief moment of receiving Holy Communion. Please bring your own face coverings to church as a limited number of disposable masks will be available at the doors.
4. All parishioners are encouraged to take their temperatures prior to coming to Mass and anyone with a temperature of 100.4 degrees or above should stay home. Anyone not feeling well should continue to stay home.

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5. All pews have been marked for six feet of distance between worshippers with colored tape, hand sanitizing stations are available at the entrances.
6. All congregational singing has been temporarily suspended by the diocese therefore no hymnals or missals will be in the pews.
7. Ushers will be directing you to pews specifically marked. Families may sit together but are to maintain six feet of distance between their family and other families throughout the celebration of Mass.
8. Attendance in church is limited to no more than 50% of our total occupancy in order to comply with social distancing requirements.
9. No offertory procession will take place, the sign of peace will be omitted, and no Precious Blood will be distributed to the Faithful until further notice.
10. **HOLY COMMUNION**
 - a. A single file line with six-feet of social distance will be required when approaching the priest, deacon or extra-ordinary minister.
 - b. We will have just three communion stations in order to comply with social distancing regulations.
 - c. For the health and safety of all, reception of Holy Communion is strongly encouraged in the hand to avoid contact with saliva. If you wish to receive on the tongue please be last in the communion line to allow for proper sanitizing between communicants.
 - d. When approaching the communion minister, you are to pull your mask below the chin, present one hand resting on the palm of another and after responding "Amen", the communicant reverently places the Eucharist in the mouth and immediately replaces their mask.

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11. DISMISSAL

- a. Ushers will dismiss row by row in an organized manner
- b. There is to be absolutely no congregating in the vestibule after Mass, if you wish to speak with parishioners after Mass please exit the church and speak outside while maintaining proper social distancing requirements.

12. SANITIZATION

- a. The entire church is going to be professionally cleaned and sanitized in between the Masses by Jan-Pro using an EPA-rated disinfectant which eliminates 99.9% of harmful bacteria.
- b. Any surfaces that were touched by the faithful will be cleaned in order to make the church safe for the next Mass.
- c. This will take time (at least one hour) hence the need to adjust our Mass schedule to just one of Saturday and three on Sunday.

Never forget, the Lord is with us, always!

Father Anthony J. Suso

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