

June 10, 2020

Dear Parishioners of Holy Family,

Last Monday we resumed the celebration of daily Mass with a congregation. It has been a great joy to join together in prayer together in person. I want to express my appreciation for those who attended and for their cooperation in adapting to the “new practices” necessary for the health of all in attendance. I also want to thank Fr. Imre and Fr. Walter for their pastoral words and actions as we learn to adjust. Be assured of our prayers for you, the other member of our parish family and community during these Masses.

We are now making the final preparations for the celebration of Sunday Mass with a congregation for our parish. Bishop Checchio has communicated that parishes could begin with the celebration of Sunday Mass on June 13/14 with the understanding all directives from the diocese, governor’s office and health officials were observed. We at Holy Family Parish will take advantage of this opportunity and celebrate our regular schedule of weekend Masses on June 13/14. Yesterday, Governor Murphy specified the capacity restrictions that we must observe. We will be limited to 50 persons per Mass as we begin. We have prepared to resume the standard Mass schedule of Saturday, 4:30 PM Sacred Heart (English); Sunday, 8 AM St. Ladislaus (English), 9 AM St. Joseph (Polish), 10:00 AM Sacred Heart (Spanish/ English), 10:30 AM St. Ladislaus (Hungarian), 12 Noon St. Joseph (Spanish) and 7 PM St. Joseph (Spanish).

Given the capacity of 50 persons per Mass, also knowing that you may be among those vulnerable and still may need to remain at home, we will make the liturgy and the Eucharist available to all as follows:

- We will continue to livestream mass with the new time of 10 AM.
- We are also going to continue distribution of Holy Communion in the Sacred Heart parking lot (adjusting time from 2 PM- 3 PM).

Beginning Monday, June 15<sup>th</sup>, the capacity of 50 persons also applies to our daily Masses. This could provide an opportunity to return again to Mass in a more relaxed atmosphere as we begin.

I wanted to emphasize some things to consider as we look at resuming the public celebration of the Mass:

- The Dispensation from Sunday Mass Obligation is in effect until further notice should you not feel ready to return to the pews or cannot attend due to our 50 person capacity limit. This means that you aren’t obligated by Church law to go to Mass during this time of pandemic but you should still keep Sunday holy in

some other way, such as, watching our live stream Mass, praying together as family, reading scripture, or praying a rosary.

- Those in vulnerable groups should stay home.
- Anyone with any symptoms of sickness must stay home.
- All members of the congregation will wear masks and bring personal hand sanitizer.
- Seating will observe social distance (6' separation between individuals). Families of the same household will be seated together.
- Every other pew will be blocked off
- No missalettes will be used at this time, readings can be downloaded at [www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org)
- Music will be limited.
- Offertory baskets will be placed by door.
- The distribution of Holy Communion will take place at the end of Mass.
- Each communicant will lower mask immediately before reception of Holy Communion.
- Communion will be distributed in the hands only for a temporary basis.
- Everyone will exit the church after reception of Holy Communion.

Please consult our website ([www.holyfamilyforall.org](http://www.holyfamilyforall.org)), Facebook page and Flocknote for updates on a regular basis.

I would request your patience and understanding as we begin the process of returning to Mass.

With my prayers,

Fr. Ryan