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*My dear brothers and sisters and friends:*

As we continue on this unprecedented road there may be a ray of light at the end of the tunnel for those of us who live in the southern tier. According to the reopening phase plan for our area it looks like possibly the middle to the end of June is when we will be able to gather for church worship.

And a part of this plan will require people attending in masks and some type of social distancing and no singing. We will have to cross that bridge when we come to it.

Many of you have had mass intentions scheduled for your departed loved ones, and these intentions will be remembered as soon as there is an all clear and we will be able to worship consistently. Please do remind me of your wishes and dates as the year goes on. Unfortunately, many events and functions secularly parish wise will probably be cancelled or postponed, but again we will handle them one at a time.

Please remember the take out chicken barbecue scheduled for Saturday, May 30, 11 a.m. to 2p.m. that will benefit our parish treasury.

It is always a pleasure to see you when we can, and together this will become something of the past.

Miss all of you,

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P.S. As I truly appreciate your dedication and concern for the needs of the parish, when making your envelope donation just use the envelope closes to the date that you are making your donation - list your offering totals on the one envelope.

P.S.S. If you need a mask contact Betty Ruda-797-8357

### When can I start returning to church?

Not yet.

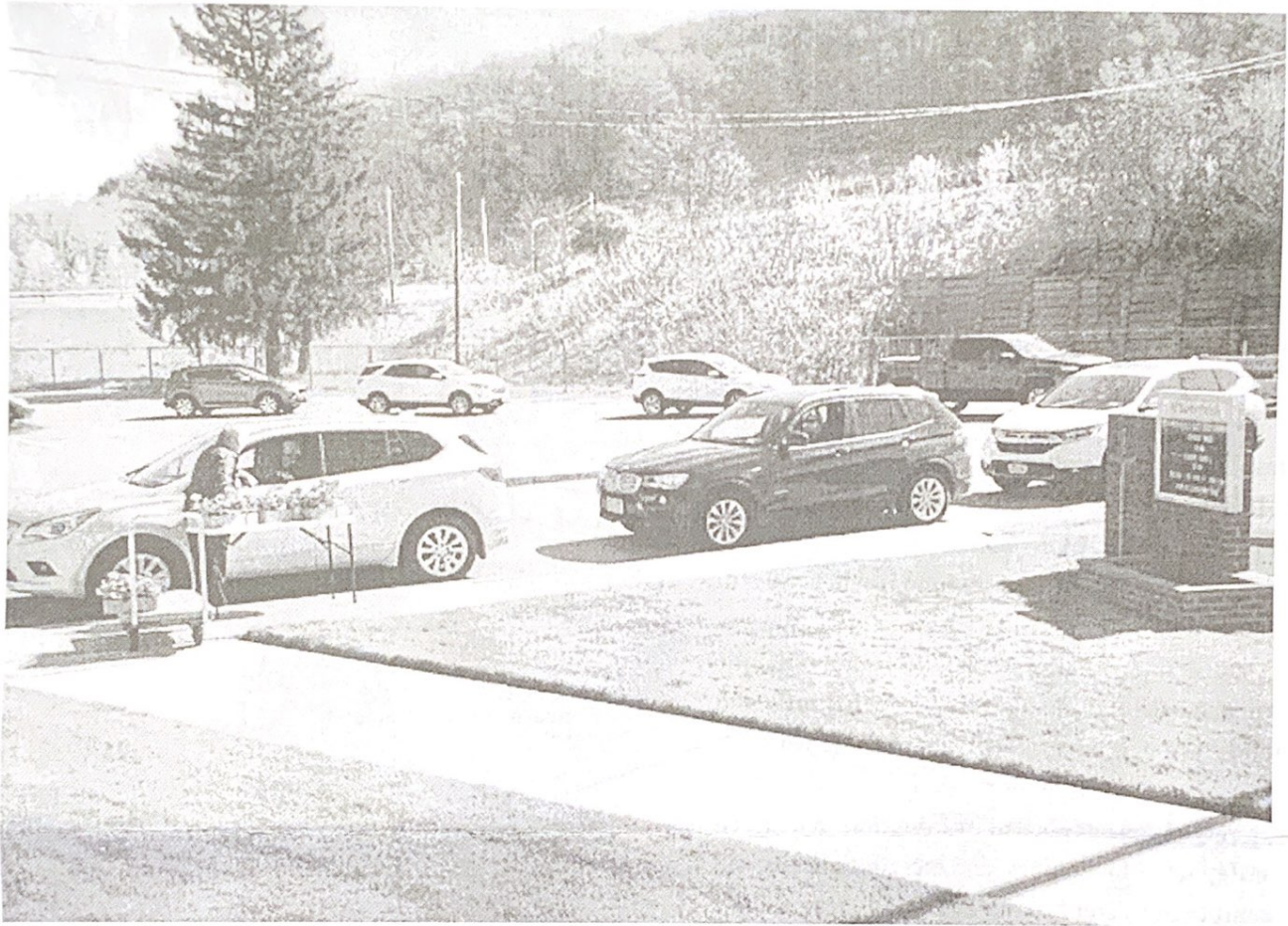
Under the guidelines of New York state of PAUSE, attending worship and many other unspecified activities were supposed to be covered by a broad 10-point outline that emphasized social distancing, the cancellation of non-essential gatherings, and concentrations of people only for essential services.

Many people have ignored these guidelines, and many congregations have innovated to build in social distancing to their services and ceremonies.

The complexities of worship and the innate need for people to congregate will likely see the official approval of in-person church services as we know them, on the timeline for Phase 4, which also includes arts and education.



From Mother's Day 2020 Mother's receiving their flower from Fr. Ruda curbside. Flowers were donated by our Men's Society.







Several men and women from our parish family will be putting on a take out chicken barbecue to benefit the parish treasury. Barbecue will be held on **Saturday, May 30**, from **11 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.** Cost will be **\$7.00 per half of chicken only**

**PLEASE STAY IN YOUR CAR AND you will be served.**

A tip of the hat goes out to the following men for their time and labor constructing a new barbecue pit: **Joe & Riley Fiacco, Rob Benzi, Dave Creller, Dave Plahanski, Dan Derkowski.**

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I acknowledge the following who through their **time, labor and material offerings and concern** have kept our parish functioning:

- ☺ to **Warehouse Carpet Outlet** for donating the new floor material for the rectory remodeling project donation of **\$1,500.00.**
- ☺ to our parish family members who through these difficult times have been supporting our parish by mailing or dropping off their donations and envelopes.
- ☺ to the members of **American Legion Post 1305** for placing and supplying the **American flags** for the graves of our veterans at our parish cemetery.

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Please remember the following in your prayers, with a card or call:

Florence Ottman at Ideal Living Center

Edward Ambrose

Dolores Butora Duke

Alice Spach

Mae Raychel at St. Louise Manor

Robert Blakeslee

Mike Cushner

Dave Kelley

Wanda Raychel Broczkowski

Ed Samuelson

*Privacy laws do not allow hospitals or nursing homes to inform priests of admission. Family members must make this notification to the priest upon admission and discharge.*

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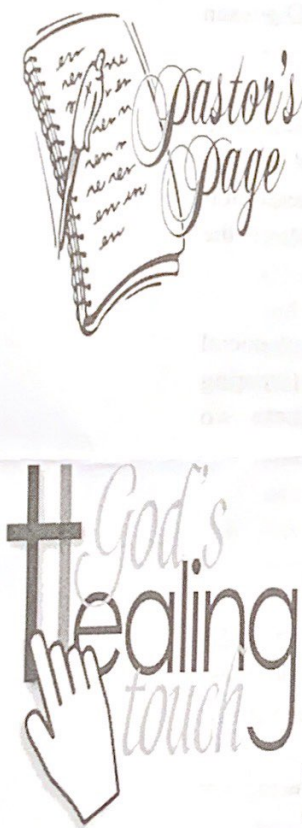
With the distraction of our pandemic let us not forgot **Father's Day** on **June 21.**

Fathers, live up to your sacred calling. Bring up for God, the Church and Community and our Nation, a dedicated generation of young and ambitious people. Husbands, love your wives as Christ loves the Church.

Fathers, make every sacrifice necessary to earn for yourself reverence and respect, and from God, His blessing.

To the fathers of our Holy Church:

**A HEARTY GOD BLESS YOU!**





## **Guidelines for the Reestablishing of Public Celebration of Holy Mass in the Polish National Catholic Church**

May 13, 2020

Unlike the beginnings of the suspension of public worship within the PNCC, the reestablishment of public worship will be a more gradual process and also one dependent on local situations. Each state within the US is setting its own timetables for opening, taking into account the rates of community transmission and many other factors. In each area these will be different and they will drive the reestablishment of public worship within the PNCC. Each parish should heed the directives of its state and local authorities, while always keeping in contact with its Diocesan Bishop.

When public worship is set to resume there are a number of issues that must be considered to keep everyone safe and well as they come to participate in the worship of Almighty God at Holy Mass. For these issues each parish must evaluate the number of individuals who will attend their parish church and also the size and structure of their own facilities. In this consideration the protection of all individuals through social distancing should be the kept in the fore.

From the CDC, the two most important aspects of staying safe are the application of social distancing (staying 6ft apart from other individuals) and other mitigation strategies (wearing masks, disinfecting frequently touched surfaces and avoiding touching one's face). These two factors should drive all of the guidelines set.

Below is a partial list of considerations for each parish:

### **Preparation**

- 1) The pastor and Parish Committee should meet in advance of any public worship within their parish church to make decisions and plan for the resumption of public Holy Masses.
- 2) All on the Parish Committee and others that may be chosen to help should be fully aware of how the parish will be operating in these times.
- 3) A number of members of the parish Committee or others must be on site during any public worship to be of help in keeping order and keeping all safe.

### **Parish Congregants**

- 1) Before the resumption of worship, the parish must decide how many individuals can safely attend worship. They may even consider marking places where individuals can sit within the parish church, keeping in mind the 6 foot social distance. This information should be given to the parishioners and when the time comes no more than that number should be permitted within the Church.
- 2) There should be no distribution of any materials when people arrive. If worship items or bulletins will be given they should be placed ahead of time at places where individuals will sit.

- 3) Items that may be in the pews or in pew racks should be removed, including Mass Books and Hymnals. Through this there will be fewer items that could be touched and would then need to be disinfected.
- 4) Non-vital areas of the parish should be locked or barricaded. During the time of worship, individuals (possibly Parish Committee members) should be available to monitor individuals and provide direction when needed.
- 5) Arrival of parishioners – When individuals arrive for worship they should be directed to a door with someone either to escort them (keeping social distance) or direct them to the worship space. No one should congregate at the church door nor should they wander around the church building. When arriving at church, all should be wearing masks. (The parish may wish to have some on hand that will be given to the individuals should they arrive without one. They are to then take the mask home with them.)(Hand sanitizer may also be available for individuals to use.)
- 6) Any doors that individuals would need to pass through should be propped open. In this way these doors do not need to be touched.
- 7) Individuals should be seated in a methodical way, most likely from the front of the Church (farthest from the door) to the back. In this they will not pass other seated individuals. All should sit in assigned places keeping social (6ft) distance. This may include families who arrive together.
- 8) Before the Mass begins there should be instructions given to all individuals gathered. They should be instructed to keep their masks on through the entire service. And they also should be told what must be done if they need to leave for any reason, including using the restrooms.
- 9) During Holy Mass there should be no singing by the congregation. Singing causes extra expulsion of air therefore requiring extra social distance. It is also difficult to sing with a mask in place. Because of this there should be no congregational singing.
- 10) Likewise there should not be a choir. If there are a few singers for Mass, they should have extra social distance, (between the singers themselves and also from the rest of the congregation) especially if they are not wearing masks. There should also be a significant distance in a choir loft, if the parish has one, especially the edge. Any droplets expelled from singing from the choir loft, might descend to the congregation below. If space does not allow this, then there should be no singing at that Mass.
- 11) There should be no taking of a collection during the Holy Mass. A large container may be placed on the route that the individuals will take leaving church. The parish should instruct their congregation that collection envelopes or monetary donations can be dropped in that container while leaving the church. The Parish Committee should take mitigation measures into account when the time comes to count those donations.
- 12) After the conclusion of Holy Mass the congregation should be instructed to remain in place until they are dismissed from church. This will allow social distancing by having congregants closest to the doors leave first preserving social distancing. All should be instructed to take worship aids and bulletins (if any were given) with them.



- 13) The clergy should give a general greeting to all following Mass with no greetings of individuals while leaving church. No one should gather in groups following Mass or at any time.
- 14) If there is to be more than one Mass on a Sunday the worship area must be disinfected before the next service. This will include any doorways that people pass through, areas where they go and the restrooms.

#### **Communion**

- 1) At early points in the resuming of worship Holy Communion will not be distributed. In order for Communion to be distributed there would have to be a closer than 6 foot distance, so for the beginning of the resuming of public worship, the "Act of Spiritual Communion" will continue to be read at the appropriate time. As social distancing requirements are further relaxed, the distribution of Holy Communion will then begin.
- 2) Of course, if Holy Communion is desired by one who is going to have some medical procedure or having any spiritual need, they should contact the pastor directly and communion for that individual will be arranged apart from Mass, with the pastor taking care in using a mask and disinfecting his hands.

#### **The Celebrant and other ministers**

- 1) The celebrant during the liturgy should not wear a mask. It is important that the celebration of Holy Mass be communicated in a natural manner and any mask would inhibit this. Because of this the celebrant should stay significantly further away from others within the church.
- 2) There should be no altar servers who come into contact with the celebrant. A server can certainly ring the bells from their own seat in the congregation, but the pouring of wine and water, or the washing of hands is too close of contact. (This may be amended a little for a server who is a child of the pastor and lives with him, but it would be better to set an appropriate example for the congregation.)
- 3) Likewise for lectors, because they most probably will have to remove their mask to read, there should be extra social distance from all others in the church. They should also be seated in an area where they do not have to pass others to travel to the lectern. If this cannot be done safely, the celebrant should read all the lessons.

#### **Other Church events (Meetings, Social Events and Fundraisers)**

- 1) All parishes should follow the directives of local and state authorities in the scheduling of these events.
- 2) Church meetings should be held via electronic means if at all possible. If there are to be meetings they should only be of a small group with adequate social distance and everyone wearing masks.
- 3) Church social events, such as coffee hours, are to be postponed until such a time when the local areas have fully resumed all aspects of daily life.

- 4) Church fundraisers may begin to take place following the guidelines for food establishments. At the beginning they are to be only takeout events. Even in this case they should only be held if those preparing the food have been checked for any illness or contact with someone infected and also following social distancing.
- 5) If the parish has a ministry of feeding or helping others in need, they should seek ways to continue this ministry while keeping all safe and following local guidelines.

These guidelines are primarily given as points of thought and concern for local parishes to consider while reestablishing the public celebration of Holy Mass and parish operations. In all things the pastor and parish administration should remain in contact with their Diocesan Bishop regarding any moving forward through the phases of resuming public worship, the public celebration of Holy Mass and other parish events.

If there are any questions or concerns about these matters or if something is not covered here, the pastors and parish committees are instructed to contact their Diocesan Bishop or the Office of the Prime Bishop for direction in the ways to proceed.

### **ATTENTION POLISH NATIONAL UNION POLICY OWNERS -**

**Effective immediately; if you have any questions or business concerning your insurance policy with the PNU, you will now deal directly with the Home Office of the PNU in Scranton PA. Their toll free phone number for your use is 1-800-724-6352.**

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Final Banns of Marriage are announced for:  
Dominique DeNinis, daughter of Jack and Debbie DeNinis  
and

Adam Piacente, son of the late Andrew Piacente and Marie Picacente.  
Ceremony is scheduled for Saturday, June 20, 2020 at 2:00 p.m.

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Be sure to check out our **new and improved parish website**. This new web-site was **created by** parish family members **Jason Yeomans and his mom Kelley Cooper Yeomans**.

The website may be found at [www.allsaintsncc.org](http://www.allsaintsncc.org).

The following are **church websites** that you will be able to view Sunday Mass and May Devotions: National Catholic Church : [pncc.org](http://pncc.org) - Central Diocese of the NCC: [centraldiocesepncc.org](http://centraldiocesepncc.org), All Saints Parish: [allsaintsncc.org](http://allsaintsncc.org) - Polish National Union: [www.pnu.org](http://www.pnu.org).