

***THE RESUMPTION OF PUBLIC MASSES
AT MARY, MOTHER OF THE REDEEMER CHURCH***

Great news! Archbishop Pérez has announced that parishes of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia will be able to resume public Masses in the near future. **Here at Mary, Mother of the Redeemer Parish, public Masses will resume on Monday, June 8th, with our normally scheduled 7:30 am Mass.**

As long as Montgomery County remains in the “yellow” phase of statewide reopening, all of us need to do our part to make sure that our return to Mass is a peaceful and safe experience for everyone. You’ll see below that several new protocols will be in place which must be observed. If you choose to attend Mass during this restricted phase, please take the time to read the instructions below. We ask everyone to follow these guidelines when attending Mass. In advance, I thank you for your patience, cooperation, and charity.

GENERAL POINTS

- The obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation continues to be lifted during the “yellow” phase. You are not required to attend Mass at this time.
- Please stay home if you are sick.
- **Please stay home if you are at higher risk** of severe illness with COVID19. If you are uncertain about your risk status, consult your doctor and also the CDC Guidelines at the link below.
 - Click here to read the CDC Guidelines for those at higher risk:
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/need-extra-precautions/people-at-higher-risk.html>
- At this time, all Masses (weekday and Sunday) will be celebrated in our main church.
- Sunday and weekday Mass will continue to be available via live-stream from MMR Church: <https://mmredeemer.org/mass-streaming>.

BEFORE COMING TO MASS

- Please wash your hands for 20 seconds using soap and water.
- Kindly bring with you your own hand sanitizer.
- Before entering the church, you must put on a face mask or cloth covering. Exceptions to this include “children younger than 2 years old.” (CDC Guidelines).
- Missalettes will not be in the pews during this period. You are welcome to bring your own missal/readings with you.

ENTERING THE CHURCH

- The center set of double doors facing the Parish Office building will be propped open. Please enter the church via that set of doors.
- Note well: the doors on the east side of the church (often referred to as “the handicap entrance”) will not be in use during the “yellow” phase.
- A single-use worship aid for your participation at Sunday Mass will be posted on our website. You may wish to print a copy for yourself and bring it with you. Copies also will be available in the narthex for you to pick up. Ushers will not be handing them out.
- Holy water fonts will remain empty.

SEATING

- Please honor all posted signs, and follow the directions of our “ambassadors.” **Someone will show you to your seat.** Congregants will be seated as they arrive from the front of the church to the back. Every other pew will be open to ensure proper social distancing.
- Members of the same household may sit together as normal. Please place 6 feet between your household and members of a different household.
- The chapel will not be available for seating.

DURING MASS

- Congregational singing will be limited.
- Offertory collection baskets will be placed at the rear of each aisle. Kindly place your Offerings in these baskets before or after Mass.
- There will be no Sign of Peace at Mass during the “yellow” phase.
- The Precious Blood will not be distributed at Mass during the “yellow” phase.

RECEPTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

- Communicants are to form one single Communion line in the center of each designated aisle toward the front of the church. They then will return by a designated side aisle.
- Please maintain social distancing in the Communion line. Keep several pews between yourself and the person in front of you while in line and when returning to your pew.
- During the “yellow” phase, the faithful are asked to receive Holy Communion in the hand.
- At each Mass, low gluten hosts will be consecrated and made available (**only for those with Celiac Disease**) in a separate ciborium and distributed by a designated minister of Holy Communion, since the Precious Blood will not be available.
- Please remove your mask before receiving Holy Communion.

EXITING THE CHURCH

- The center set of double doors on the Pre-K side of the narthex will be propped open also. Please exit the church via that set of doors. Our ambassadors will guide you.
- At the conclusion of Mass, pick up a bulletin and promptly exit the church building. Please do not congregate for any reason.
- Please leave your mask on until you exit the church.

OUR COMMITMENT TO YOU

- We will follow the guidelines for sanitation from the CDC. To view the CDC guidelines, visit: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/php/faith-based.html>
- As CDC guidelines are modified, our campus protocol may be revised accordingly.
- While MMR Church has been open for a few hours each day during the statewide lockdown, **our church building will be closed from June 3rd through June 7th for sanitation before opening for public Masses on Monday, June 8th. The exception will be from 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm on Saturday, June 6th for confessions.**