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God so loved the world that he gave his only Son.

JOHN 3:16

ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

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As we begin to reopen our parish, please check the website as we will continue to update it. Feel free to call the parish office with any questions as well; protocols have been changing quickly at times and can cause confusion.

**Daily Mass** will be celebrated at the following times:

- 8:00am on Tuesday—Thursday—Friday
- 8:45am on Wednesday

(We will not have Mass on Mondays as that will be for the cleaning and disinfecting of the church)

**Confessions** will be:

- Wednesdays 10:00am -12:00pm
- Adoration will be until noon
- There will be no Benediction

Saturdays 3:30—4:30pm

“May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who has loved us and given us everlasting encouragement and good hope through His grace, encourage your hearts and strengthen them in every good deed and word.”

(2Thess 2:16-17)

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Assumption Parishioners

Please pray for: Art Smalley, Judy Long, Steve Torscenson, Fr. Tom Caswell, Leo DiValentino, Marlene Bumbeck, Tina, Stephanie Folster, Marlena Pethers, JoAnn Hamad, Justin Futia, Nancy Brady, Terri Sanders, Karen Crum, Laurel Reilly, Darlene Daul, Peggy Smet, Joyce, Ben Trudeau, George Swagel, Danielle Basta, Joan Hastings, Bailey Cooper, Sean, Susan, Clara Fischer, Peg Walsh, and all who are sick or recovering from surgery. If you have a prayer request for the bulletin, please call Barbara Rice (527-8124) or Kathryn Overland (328-8523).

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Protocols for reopening the public celebration of Mass at Assumption:

Bishop Daly’s “Diocesan Principles for Opening” are attached below.

Having said this, I would like to emphasize that the dispensation for attending Sunday Mass remains in effect. Each person continues to have the freedom to attend or not, and I will continue to do filmed liturgy for the foreseeable future. Our worship, like respect and reverence, is always a matter of the heart—how we prepare ourselves and how we enter into the sacrifice that Jesus offered once and for all. Communion is not simply the reception of the concrete Body and Blood of Christ in Eucharist, but is also a celebration of that intimate bond that exists between the One who saves and those who need saving. As you have noted following the Bishop’s principles, this reopening, sadly, may seem a very sterile and dissatisfying celebration.

We are asked to limit the celebration of Mass to approximately 30 minutes—doors will be open to the church 20 minutes before the Mass is scheduled to begin, names will be checked off the list of those who have reserved a place for that liturgy.

Practical issues: For the present time, only 50 people are allowed to attend each liturgy, including the presider.

--We must also be mindful that our seating capacity respects the 6’ distancing rule.
--Seating will only be in designated pews on either side of the main aisle. Family members can sit together without that 6’ rule in effect (although, parents, sometimes keeping 6’ between your children could be helpful!), this does mean we must be flexible in how people are seated.
--Sadly, your “reserved spots” will likely not be available as you attend.
--There will be no socializing before or after Mass and “congregating” before or after Mass will not be possible.

--To attend Mass, there must be advance signups with contact information provided.

Please call the office and tell us which Mass you will be attending if you choose to do so, how many will be in your party (I feel like I have a future as a maître d’, if this priesthood thing shouldn’t work out...), and contact information. Contact information is to be maintained for every person attending Mass for the foreseeable future. This also is NOT optional. We will be taking reservations on a ‘first-come, first served’ basis.

DROP-INS ARE SADLY, NOT POSSIBLE!

-- Face masks are required! This is not optional. Many may feel that this is an overly cautious approach, but having seen someone dying of the coronavirus, I am perhaps more conscious of what that looks like than others. Your safety and health are too important, and no one is “collateral damage!”
--Liturgy of the Word will be abbreviated; homilies at Mass are limited to three minutes (you won’t be so fortunate in the recorded liturgy!), and the responsorial psalm will be read.

--There will be no congregational singing during the liturgy—the parts of the Mass that are normally sung will be spoken. Missals and hymnals are removed from the church building and no offertory procession will take place. If you happen to bring a donation envelope to the church, a basket in the sacristy will be available for that.

--The communion rite will remain within its proper context of the Mass, but social distancing between families must be observed.

    The Body of Christ will be distributed only in host form, and only in the hand.
Coronavirus is spread not simply by saliva, but by the aerosolized drops in human breath. Reception from the cup is suspended at this time.

--Proper protocol for reception of Communion: Please leave your masks in place until you have received the Blessed Sacrament in your hands! Move an appropriate distance from the minister, remove your mask, receive, and then replace your mask before moving back to your pew.

--Sanitation before and after liturgies: As noted, materials for hand sanitation will be available in the gathering space, pews will be designated for seating and there will be disinfecting wipes used on each pew after each Mass. One of the concerns that I needed additional information on was how to disinfect upholstered pews—there will be a disinfectant spray used at the end of each Mass. The cry room is currently closed at the present time. The use of bathrooms are strongly discouraged for the 30 minutes you are at church. We are required to clean and disinfect the bathrooms after each use (!). We will work to ensure your safety as much as possible. I have also noted, as I am sure you have, that several parishes and churches across the country have experienced some increased infection rates among priests and parishioners with the reopening of worship services.

Finally, please do remember that the dispensation from the obligation of attending Mass is still in place. If you are in the vulnerable category, are anxious about attending, or are feeling ill yourself, please stay home!

There are so many people moving about more freely in these last several days, it is important to remember that our safe distancing, face masks and handwashing practices do have an impact in caring for one another.

Please know of my continual prayers for you all and for our community!
Bishop Daly, as you have undoubtedly already read, will open a year-long diocesan celebration in honor of the Eucharist beginning on the Feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ ( Corpus Christi) on June 14th. Sometimes, as the Easter season comes to its conclusion, the successive feasts take on a secondary importance: The Most Holy Trinity (June 7th) and the feast of Corpus Christi (June 14th) are indeed important feasts for all of us—the liturgical colors remain the same as for Easter (White) and the focus remains on the Paschal Mystery which speaks of that sense of unity to which we are all called in communion.

I have reflected many times in the bulletin and in homilies on the sense of ‘communio,’ that relationship which binds us together as the living Body of Christ in the world. The power that binds us together in this ‘communio’ is also the power that binds together the three persons of the Blessed Trinity in one Godhead, and is also the power that unites us in Eucharist.

We seek that bond of love and unity in a unique and special way during these days as we seek to re-integrate our society and our world. It is also of paramount importance in our world, as we see the divisions that exist in the life of our Church and our diocese, to seek a renewal of that bond between us.

Bishop Daly has also encouraged us to pray, between now and the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus (June 19th), a novena prayer to the Sacred Heart, based on the prayers of St. Padre Pio.

O my Jesus, you have said: “Truly I say to you, ask and it will be given you, seek and you will find, knock and it will be opened to you.” Behold I knock, I seek and ask for the grace of [insert your intention.]

   Our Father…Hail Mary…Glory be to the Father…Sacred Heart of Jesus, I place all my trust in you.

II. O my Jesus, you have said: “Truly I say to you, if you ask any thing of the Father in my name, He will give it to you.” Behold, in your name, I ask the Father for the grace of [insert your intention.]

   Our Father…Hail Mary…Glory be to the Father…Sacred Heart of Jesus, I place all my trust in you.

III. O my Jesus, you have said: “Truly I say to you, heaven and earth will pass away but my words will not pass away.” Encouraged by your infallible words I now ask for the grace of [insert your intention.]

   Our Father…Hail Mary…Glory be to the Father…Sacred Heart of Jesus, I place all my trust in you.

O Sacred Heart of Jesus, for whom it is impossible not to have compassion on the afflicted, have pity on us miserable sinners and grant us the grace which we ask of you, through the Sorrowful and Immaculate Heart of Mary, your tender mother and ours.

   Say the Hail, Holy Queen and add: St. Joseph, foster father of Jesus, pray for us.