

Plans for Re-opening

Please note that it will take considerable effort on our part to prepare our houses of worship to be in compliance with the State directives.

This past week we held a virtual meeting of staff and a couple of selected parishioners so that we will be ready to open when the governor and the diocese tell us it is safe.

Rest assured that when we do reopen, things will be different.

- everyone will be asked to wear a mask;
- social distancing will need to be maintained which means we'll not be able to accommodate the usual numbers that attend the masses.
- mass times may have to change in order to allow time to sanitize the church after each mass; we are developing a new ministry that will assist with this need for sanitization; volunteers may call the parish office and leave your name and phone no.
- congregants will no longer be able to receive the Precious Blood at Communion time.
- the Sign of Peace will not happen.

The current issue of the Evangelist has an excellent article on these matters.

Churches and places of worship are part of the Phase 4 designation for re-opening;

Bishop Scharfenberger will make the decision re: the date of re-opening in accord with the mandates of the State.

Before the re-opening happens I intend to communicate by letter with all parishioners so that all of us will know what to expect when we do return.

Please note that all of these precautions are in place out of charity for the well-being of others and the common good.