

## **Welcome to the Yellow Phase**

Beginning on May 29, 2020, Luzerne County entered the Yellow Phase of Re-opening. First, a couple of guiding principles:

- Guidelines are fluid and subject to change with little notice depending upon health/safety conditions and recommendations
- The obligation to attend Sunday Mass remains suspended at this time
- People who are at risk because of underlying health issues or who are elderly or infirmed are strongly encouraged to stay home for their own health
- Families are welcome but are asked to consider the age of their children and whether it is possible for them to stay seated in designated spaces.
- Public Masses may resume but no more than 25% of occupancy
- A parish must be able to sanitize after every gathering
- Sunday Mass will continue to be posted on Website and social media
- Social distancing must be practiced
- Masks and hand sanitizing are required (Please bring your own mask)
- Holy Communion will be distributed at the end of Mass and all are strongly asked to receive in the hand for the protection of all life.

Beginning June 1, 2020 St. Mary Church will be open for private prayer from 9AM to 1PM Monday to Friday. The parish office will be open from 9AM to 1Pm Monday to Thursday and parishioners are asked to use the intercom system.

On June 8, 2020, daily Masses will resume following the regular schedule: Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, 8AM.

On June 13/14, 2020, weekend Masses will resume following the normal schedule: Saturday 5:30PM and Sunday 9AM. Reservations for weekend Masses will be required. To make your reservation, please visit the parish website [www.stmarydorrance.org](http://www.stmarydorrance.org) or Facebook page: Saint Mary's of Dorrance for submission. If you have issues with the online reservations system, please call the parish office, 570-868-5855.

Please follow all instructions for attending Mass or visiting the Church for private prayer:

- Do not arrive for Mass more than 15 minute for daily Mass and 30 minutes for weekend Mass
- Enter through the front center doors for weekend Mass, wearing a mask then stop at the table to sanitize your hands; you will then be guided to your seat
- You will stay in your seat until after Mass when the priest will instruct you for communion. Keep six foot social distancing at all times. Once you receive you will proceed directly to your car.
- When visiting the Church for private prayer please enter through the side door, rectory side, using only the designated sections

## **Thank you and Invitation**

Thank you for supporting our parish. In the midst of this pandemic we are working hard at serving you in all aspects of parish life. We know this will be a gradual and fluid movement. We ask you to continue to fulfill your offertory commitments. You can also continue to mail your contributions. When the Church is open you can also put your contribution into drop boxes in the Church.