

June 5, 2020

Dear Parishioners of Saint Petronille,

We are reopening

Saint Petronille is open for daily Mass at 6:15 am Monday through Friday and 8 am Monday through Saturday. We will be reopening for Sunday Masses beginning June 13 at 5:00 pm Saturday and 7:30 am, 9:30 am, 11:30 am and 5:00 pm on Sundays. All Masses are offered in the parish church. On Sunday, the Mass will be livestreamed in the Parish Life Center (PLC) at all the regular Mass times with communion brought from the church and distributed in the PLC. You will only be able to enter the church and PLC through the PLC doors. Please notice no admittance to the church through the main church doors. You will need to walk to the PLC entrance. Confessions are held on Friday mornings from 7:00 am to 7:45 am and Saturday afternoon from 4:00 pm to 4:45 pm in the PLC. Please observe all guidelines indicated on the posted signs.

IMPORTANT: Procedures for attending Sunday Mass

Although we are reopened, our priority continues to be the safety of all worshippers. Therefore:

1. Enter through the PLC door not the main church doors. **There is limited seating.** Only 145 seats are available for each weekend Mass. This means that you will need to reserve your seat prior to your arrival. **IF YOU DO NOT RESERVE YOUR SEAT IN ADVANCE FOR SUNDAY MASS, YOU MAY NOT BE PERMITTED INTO THE FACILITY. SEATING IS LIMITED.**

2. **How do I sign up for a seat at Mass:**
 - a. Log onto the sign-up genius created for this purpose:
 - b. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040548aca623a7f58-stpetronille>
 - c. Please notice that you must reserve a spot for each individual in your group/family.
 - d. The signup genius will be available on Monday morning and signup will be first come first served.
 - e. Please notice that the 5 pm Saturday and 930 am on Sunday are the most attended Masses. The least attended Mass is the 11:30 am Mass on Sunday. If the signup genius is full, you may want to choose one of the less attended Masses as your regular Mass time.

3. If you do not have access to a computer or you do not know how to use the signup genius, you may also phone **Christine Balaty at 630-469-0404, ext. 2107** by 1 pm on Friday. Please leave your request on her voicemail with the following information: Your name, phone number and number of individuals in your group. Please notice that you need to use this extension number, reservations cannot be made at the general parish number. If you arrive without making a reservation, you will be asked to wait until all those with reservations are seated first.
4. A greeter from the parish will check you in at the door of the PLC. Please notice that worshippers will be seated in the church first. When the church has reached maximum capacity all others will be seated in the PLC.
5. **All worshippers are asked to:**
 - a. Wear masks (bring your own);
 - b. Sanitize their hands prior to entering the building and prior to receiving Communion. Hand sanitizer will be provided.
 - c. Sit in the positions marked by the tape on the back of the pew in church and the appropriately spaced chairs in the PLC and practice social distancing of 6 feet at all times except for those with whom you live, e.g., parents may sit with their children.
6. Please follow the directions of the priest during your stay regarding exiting and the reception of Holy Communion. Remember that these procedures are designed for your safety and the safety of your friends and neighbors.
7. Those who are high-risk should consider remaining at home for the time being. The 5 pm Saturday and 9:30 Sunday Masses will continue to be livestreamed every week. Since your Sunday obligation continues to be abrogated, you may want to consider attending Mass during the week in that there are fewer people attending Mass Monday through Friday morning.

Please notice that the church is sanitized after **every** Mass, baptism, wedding and funeral so we need volunteers to assist with greeting and cleaning the church. Please volunteer by emailing us reopen@stpetchurch.org.

Celebration of the Eucharist: New Guidelines for celebrating Mass during Covid-19 Crisis

Eric Rasmussen, Director of Sacred Music at Saint Petronille, has written a letter explaining how our worship will be a bit different according to Diocesan guidelines. Please notice that we are following the direction of the Diocese and most Dioceses in the country. The letter is attached to this missive.

Special Thanks to our Reopen Volunteer Captains

Ray Moen – Setup Captain

Christy Collie – Greeter Captain

Jessica Payne – Cleaner Captain

If you would like to volunteer for any of our reopen committees, please email reopen@stpetchurch.org.

Parish Offices Reopening

Our parish offices will reopen for business on Monday, June 15. Office hours will be 9:00 am to 4 pm, Monday through Thursday and Friday from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm.

FOCUS Missionary Presentation June 20-21

FOCUS – Thomas Wurtz from the Fellowship of Catholic University Students – will be making an on-line presentation about their work after the live stream Masses on June 6-7. If you would like a sneak peek, please watch his video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bBKyRLP8Ifw&feature=youtu.be>

Saint Vincent DePaul Drop Box

Saint Petronille Saint Vincent DePaul has placed a drop box near the recycling bin in the North Parking lot. If you are cleaning out your closet, please place your contributions in the drop box. This is a great way to help those in need. These items are sold at Saint Vincent DePaul stores at extremely low cost and the proceeds go right back into their ministry helping those in need.

May Almighty God bless you and keep you.

Prayers.

In Christ,

Fr. Thomas Milota