



COMMUNICATING WITH DEAF CATHOLIC COMMUNITY ABOUT RETURNING TO MASS

Great news! Archbishop Pérez has announced that parishes of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia will be able to resume public Masses the weekend of June 6 and 7. The **Deaf Apostolate** look forward to welcoming you back! **Let us keep our eyes fixed on Jesus as we make our way back to the in person celebration of the Mass.**

While our 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 all. Please take the time to read the instructions below. We ask everyone to follow these guidelines when attending Mass during this period:

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, please 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>
- Mass in ASL will continue to be available via live-stream.

Fr. Mike Depcik – Archdiocese of Detroit – 11:30AM

<http://www.facebook.com/deafmass>

Fr. Shawn Carey – Archdiocese of Boston – 9:15 AM

<https://bostondeafcatholic.org/> and <https://www.youtube.com/user/DeafApostolateBoston>

MASS SCHEDULE OF INTERPRETED MASSES:

Please go to www.DeafCatholicPhilly.org for full Mass Schedule and please open the Deaf Apostolate email for updates.

BEFORE COMING TO MASS

- Please wash your hands for 20 seconds using soap and water.
- Before entering the Church, please put on a face mask or cloth covering.

(Exceptions to this are “children younger than 2 years old, anyone who has trouble breathing or is unconscious, and anyone who is incapacitated or otherwise unable to remove the cloth face covering without assistance) (CDC Guidelines).

- Please do not come to Mass if you are sick or are at higher risk for severe illness with COVID19 (see above).
- Missalettes will not be in the pews during this period. You are welcome to bring your own missal/readings with you.

ENTERING THE CHURCH

- Check with Church about the doors they will have open.
- Hand sanitizers will be available at the Church entrances. Please use the hand sanitizer upon entering and exiting the Church.

SEATING

- When taking your seat, please honor all posted signs about where you may sit. Every other pew [or every third 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.
- Please follow the direction of ushers.

DURING MASS

- Interpreters will enter and leave with mask and will also keep the 6 feet social distance.
Interpreters will not wear mask while they are interpreting.
- A collection will be taken up during the Offertory as usual using long-handled baskets or the baskets may be left in place for people to give their donation.
- There will be no Sign of Peace during Mass during the Yellow Phase.
- The Precious Blood will not be distributed during Mass during the Yellow Phase.
- There should be no holding of hands during the Our Father.

RECEPTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

- For Communion there will be single file lines. Please follow directions in each Church.
- Please maintain social distancing in the Communion line. Please 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.
- Please remove your mask before receiving Holy Communion.

EXITING THE CHURCH

- At the conclusion of Mass, please exit the Church and proceed directly to your car. **Please do not congregate for any reason.**
- Please take a parish bulletin home with you. They will be left for you to take not handed out.
- Please leave your mask on until you return to your car.

OUR COMMITMENT TO YOU

Each Church will follow the guidelines from the CDC for sanitation as we resume public Masses.

- To view the CDC guidelines, visit: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/php/faith-based.html>