

# GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH

Drums, PA 18222

Greetings, My Fellow Parishioners:

It is my hope that this letter finds you prayerfully in good health and spirit under the circumstances. This is a whole new world and each day we find a new way to navigate it. This letter is an effort to explain how we will enter into the new normal for coming back to church. Just a reminder - the obligation to attend Mass is still suspended.

## WHEN

June 5/6 - one Mass at Good Shepherd at 9:30AM Sunday. Beginning June 12/13, there will be two Masses at Good Shepherd: 6PM Saturday and 9:30AM Sunday. Weekday Masses will begin on June 1 at the regular time, 8:00AM.

## HOW MANY?

The Bishop has allowed for 25% capacity. For Good Shepherd, this is a total of 67 parishioners.

## HOW DO WE DECIDE WHO CAN ATTEND MASS?

### Attendance at weekend Masses will be by reservation only.

Parishioners will call the office of the parish to which you belong on Tuesday evenings between 5:30PM and 7:00PM (570-788-3141). Your name and phone number will be taken (we have been mandated to take names and numbers in the event that we need to back-trace if someone tests positive at a later time). When you call in and a weekend Mass is no longer available, you will be given the choice of a weekday liturgy (the same rules apply for weekday Masses). At this point the Pastoral Council has decided that you can only sign up for one weekend Mass a month. Remember, this plan is for the present. In the future it will change. Reservations will be taken for those in your household only.

**HOW DO WE COME TO CHURCH?** Those on the list will come to the front door of the church. You are to take a seat at the **BLUE tape** (with the tape in front of you so that both hands can be on either side of the tape.) This will ensure proper social distancing. Families may sit together.

## MASKS /SANITIZERS

Anyone who comes into the church **MUST wear a mask**. There will be a sanitizing station at the entrance and exit of the church. We ask that you sanitize your hands as you enter and leave the church.

## COMMUNION

Holy Communion will be distributed at the end of Mass. Parishioners will remain in their pew and come up one at a time. Pull down your mask, receive Communion, put your mask up and exit church. You may not go back to your seat after you receive Communion.

## LEAVING CHURCH

Once you receive Communion, you will exit by the rear side doors. Please do not exit by the center door. Parishioners are asked not to congregate outside the church.

## COLLECTION

A basket will be at the entrance of the church for your envelopes. There will be no collection during Mass.

**STREAMING OF MASS:** There will be one live-streamed mass each weekend and available for viewing at any time.

**CONFESSIONS** will begin on Saturday, June 13/14, at 5:00PM.

*Fr. Mike*