

Friday, May 22, 2020

Dear family in Christ,

I am very pleased to share with you Bishop Persico's announcement and decree made yesterday about the beginning of public Masses again in the Diocese of Erie on Monday, June 1, 2020. We are prepared here at Our Lady of the Lake to begin on that day with daily Masses throughout that week and the 1st weekend Masses on Sat., June 6th and Sun., June 7th.

I am very blessed to have a wonderful Transition Committee to assist me and help us all to return to Holy Mass here safely and prudently. We will be following all of the guidelines of the Diocese and the Center for Disease Control (CDC). A formal letter will be sent to all of our families explaining more in detail the logistics and the details of how this will be happening here at our parish. For now, I am attaching the formal decree from the Bishop and the directives of the Diocese of Erie that will be followed here as we resume the public celebration of Holy Mass on June 1st.

The revised Mass times during this time of transition will change just a bit in order to allow us to deep clean the church after every Mass. This temporary, transitional Mass schedule is as follows:

- Sat., 4:30pm

- Sun., 8am

- Sun., 12pm

In order for this to go smoothly I and the Our Lady of the Lake Transition Committee need your help. We are in need of many volunteers to serve in two capacities.

1. We need ushers that will be trained to escort parishioners to their particular pew, to ensure that everyone in the church is practicing social distancing, to make sure that everyone in the church is wearing a mask, and to facilitate the flow for the reception of Holy Communion and the dismissal at the end of Mass. The ushers will also assist in taking care of the needs of our parishioners and guests that are attending Holy Mass at our parish.

If you are willing to volunteer and serve in this capacity please email me (radiantjoy2009@icloud.com) or call me (814-734-3113) and let me know which Mass you would like to serve at (Sat.; 4:30pm; Sun., 8am; or Sun., 12pm)

2. This is the team where we will need the most volunteers. This is the "OLOL Pew Crew". This team will assist in deep cleaning the church after every Mass. Again,

training and all the gloves and cleaning materials will be provided. I am asking many of us to be generous in volunteering for this ministry. This is essential to ensuring a safe and smooth return to Holy Mass and public worship and celebrations here at OLOL for all of our parishioners and guests.

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Thank you in advance for your prayerful support and generosity in helping our parish return to the beautiful gift of Holy Mass, the reception of Holy Communion, and our family life of prayer and fellowship here at Our Lady of the Lake. Please know always of my love and prayers for you all! I can't wait to see you all soon!

Peace of Christ to you!

Fr. Dan