

May 20, 2020

Dear Parishioners of Seton Lake Ridge,

We need your help! We are instituting a new ministry called the “**SETON SANITIZERS**”. Basically, we need at least (6) people for each weekend Mass and (2) for each daily Mass who can wipe down frequently contacted surfaces as required by our Governor’s guidelines for a Phase #1 reopening. Please [click here](#) to sign-up on our M.S.P. Liturgy Scheduling Program. A schedule for May 30th-June 30th time slots will be completed and made available early next week. So, we strongly encourage anyone who is able and comfortable fulfilling this role to sign-up as soon as possible. There will also be a short (in person) training session for Seton Sanitizers this **Tuesday, May 26th at 7:00 p.m.** in the main Church. *If we do not have people fulfilling this important role, we will be required to postpone resuming public Masses here at Seton Lake Ridge.*

We also need volunteers to help on **Tuesday, May 26 - Friday, May 29th from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.** to prepare our church to reopen for public Masses. Please [click here](#) to sign-up for a slot to be a **Parish Reintegration Volunteer**.

The **Human Concerns Ministry** is launching a **HOUSEHOLD ESSENTIALS DRIVE** for the needy in our community. A list of suggested items can be found by [clicking here](#). Please drop your donations in the Mother Seton Food Pantry Bins located in the Fellowship Hall.

We anticipate resuming public Masses on Saturday, May 30th at 9:00 a.m. (unless civil authorities postpone a Phase #1 reopening). We intend to keep to our regular schedule of daily and weekend Mass times with the exception of the 7:30 p.m. First Friday, and Extraordinary form Masses, which will be postponed until further notice.

Here are just a few highlights as we enter Phase #I reintegration:

- We need to limit capacity to 50% so we will be blocking off every other pew, and pews that are being used will have a plastic covering.
- Non-family members will need to continue to maintain the 6-foot social distancing requirement at all times, including in the communion line. We will have floor markers to assist with this.
- Everyone is strongly encouraged (*but not required*) to bring and wear their own face-masks.
- There will be no music (*similar to Sunday’s 7:30 a.m. Mass*) and all hymnals and information cards will be removed from the pews.
- Those 65 years and older, and anyone with an underlying health condition, will be encouraged (*but not required*) to refrain from coming to Mass.

- The Bishop Burbidge's dispensation to not attend Sunday Mass still remains in effect until further notice.
- We will continue to live-stream the 9:00 am daily Mass, and the 9:00 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. Sunday Masses. [Click here](#) to access those live-stream links.
- Only the clergy and seminarians will be distributing Holy Communion.
- We are suspending the Altar Server Ministry until further notice.
- The Nursery and Cry-Room will remain closed.
- There will be no Offertory Procession of the Gifts, or exchange of the Sign-of-Peace.
- Collection baskets will not be passed out but will be placed in the Narthex as we would normally do for a special collection.
- Tuesday and First Friday All-Night Adoration, as well as the weekday Rosary, Friday Divine Mercy Chaplet, Blue Army and First Saturday devotions are still suspended until further notice. Along with all other on-site previously scheduled parish activities with the exception of Mass and Confessions.
- The Parish Office will remain closed, except for essential personal until further notice. All staff will continue to check email and phone messages regularly.

You can find more details regarding the Bishop's reopening guidelines as well as what that means for our parish on our parish website by [clicking here](#).

Finally, we are very excited and anxiously awaiting your return so that we may all give God glory, honor and praise together here in our even more beautiful Church. We can't wait for you to see our enhanced new lighting (see attached photos below); and for those in need, to finally be able to utilize our just installed automatic door openers.

We thank you for your patience and your prayers. Please know that each and every one of you remain in our prayers as well!

God bless, Fr. Bashista

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