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“Gratefully, as you likely know by now, the Governor announced the incremental lift of restrictions in our state, as such, we will be able to safely gather in our churches again beginning on June 12. I know we all look forward to welcoming our parishioners’ home to their churches that weekend. We will appropriately celebrate the true presence of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ in the Eucharist, on the feast of Corpus Christi. What better way to return to the celebration of in-person public Masses in our churches, to be in His presence, as we celebrate His true Eucharistic presence.”
Bishop Checchio, Bishop of Metuchen

So, starting the weekend of Saturday/Sunday, June 13/14, as we re-enter our church, we are to abide by the following guidelines set up by our Diocese:

- Those in vulnerable groups should stay home.
- Those who are sick or symptomatic must stay home.
- In addition, the faithful are encouraged to wash their hands at home and bring their own masks and hand sanitizer, which should be used upon entering the church.
- Face masks are expected by all except for the very young (parents are in best position to determine if their child is capable of wearing a mask).
- The church will be marked, with blue masking tape, indicating where you are allowed sit.
- Family/household units may sit together; others should be seated six feet apart in all directions.
- We will start using the services of Altar Servers as of 9/20/2020 if they feel comfortable and they must wear masks throughout the entire Mass.
- We will not bring up any Offering Gifts (water & wine with chalices).
- We will only take up 1 collection, so please put both your envelopes in the one collection. With the exception of special collections directed by our Diocese.
- We are asking the ushers to hold the collection until after the Mass and give directly to Fr. Greg.
- For the distribution of communion, please follow the markings on the floor (this will help us stay 6 feet apart).
- No Precious Blood will be distributed.
- When it is your turn to receive communion, please lower your mask and consume the host and then raise your mask again. Please also sanitize your hands when you get back to your pew.
- If you feel you must receive communion on the tongue then please go **only** to Fr. Greg.
- All EMs that are helping to distribute communion must wear masks and eye protection.
- At the conclusion of Mass we ask that if you brought sanitizing hand wipes with you to please wipe your area where you were seated and as you leave church please remember social distancing.

“Understanding that every individual has their own concerns or is not able to return to Mass in-person, I am continuing to dispense all Catholics in our diocese from the obligation to attend Mass

until further notice. No one will be required to physically attend Mass during this period of time. While the obligation to attend Mass is dispensed, I encourage you to keep the Lord's Day holy by some other means. For example, I encourage you to tune into a livestreamed Mass from a local parish within our diocese (www.diometuchen.org/parish-live-streams) or on TV. You can also pray the Liturgy of the Hours, read and reflect on Sacred Scripture, and pray the rosary or some other devotion." Bishop Checchio, Bishop of Metuchen

- If you feel you cannot attend Mass in the church we will still live-stream the Mass but only at 10am.

Masses for the remainder of 2020 will be celebrated as follows:

Saturdays at 5pm

Sundays at **7:30am & 10am & 11:15am in English and 12:30pm in Polish**

CONFESSION will be heard in the chapel of our church: Saturday, 4:00 - 4:50 pm (before the 5:00 pm Mass) and before our 8:30am Daily Mass (by appointment only).

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