

**REVISED ANNOUNCEMENT TO RESUME MASSES: (Changes are underlined below)**

**Dear Parishioners of Saint Johns and Holy Family Parishes,**

**It seems possible that public Masses will be permitted on both Saturdays and Sundays, beginning with the weekend of Pentecost (May 30th and 31st).**

**At this time I plan on offering the Holy Mass at the usual times on Saturdays of 4 pm at St. John the Baptist and 7 pm at Holy Family, and on Sundays at 9 am at Saint Johns and 10:30 am at Holy Family.**

**Directives have been sent out from The Diocese to all the parishes requiring certain safety measures including: Attendance at each individual Mass is limited to 25% percentage of occupancy with proper social distancing; use of only every other pew; intervening pews must be cordoned off for the sake of social distancing; all Missals, hymnals, prayer cards or other paper resources must be removed from the pews; masks and hand sanitizer will be available at church entrances and exits; there is no presentation of gifts and the Sign of Peace is omitted entirely; Communion is to be distributed only by the priest and only a single-file line is permitted when people come forward to receive Communion; people sitting the right side of the church first and then people on the left side. We are asking people not to gather before or after Mass on church property. The Masses, at this time will be celebrated as “low Masses” without singing to reduce the spread of germs.**

**As the Diocese has also limited church attendance to 25% occupancy, only 90 persons will be able to attend the 4 pm Mass on Saturdays and 90 persons may attend the 9am Mass on Sundays at Saint Johns; at Holy Family, 70 persons will be able to attend the 7 pm Mass on Saturdays and 70 persons may attend the 10:30 am Mass on Sundays.**

**To attend Mass at one of the Masses at Saint Johns, you will have to call the Parish Office Monday thru Friday “to make a reservation”. Once 90 persons have “made reservations” the Mass is considered “full” and only those persons may attend that Mass. I feel awful about this, but this has been required if we wish to have a public Mass at Saint Johns.**

**To attend Mass at Holy Family, you will need to call Michelle Socha at her number in the bulletin. Once 70 persons have “made reservations” the Mass is considered “full” and only those persons may attend that Mass. Again, I feel awful about this, but this has been required if we wish to have a public Mass at Holy Family.**

**Bishop Callahan has stated in his letter to all of us: As we roll back into these public celebrations, I must highlight that the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays remains dispensed. No one is required, under the pain of mortal sin, to attend Mass until further notice. In fact, at this time I encourage those over 65 and particularly those with underlying health conditions to stay home. Sunday Mass will continue to be televised for the sick and homebound. Please be assured of our continued prayer for you.**

**Let us all pray that our Masses will get back to a more normal situation soon,  
Fr. Tom**