



# Mary, Mother of the Redeemer

CATHOLIC CHURCH

Founded in 1987

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The Most Holy Trinity

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## Mission Statement

Under the patronage of Mary, Mother of the Redeemer, we are a growing faith community centered in the Eucharist and dedicated to worshiping God, our Father.

In response to our baptismal call, we commit ourselves to promote the gospel of His Son, Jesus Christ, through Christian hospitality, spiritual nurturing, evangelical outreach, and shared social experience.

We call upon each parishioner to share his or her talents in addressing the needs of our parish and society at large. We implore the Holy Spirit to consecrate each of us in this mission.



Mary, Mother of the Redeemer, help us share in the work of redemption.

## Parish Clergy

Rev. Msgr. John T. Conway, Pastor  
Rev. Msgr. Philip C. Ricci, Pastor Emeritus  
Rev. William J. Teverczuk, Parochial Vicar  
Rev. Patrick J. Muka, Parochial Vicar  
Deacon Paul A. Logan, Permanent Deacon  
Deacon John M. Travaline, Permanent Deacon  
Rev. Mr. Louis Monica, Transitional Deacon

## Parish Administration

Jessica Walters, Director of Parish Services  
Mary Anne Dunbar, Music Coordinator  
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Mary Anne Cortez, Administrative Staff  
Chris Moral, Office Staff  
Annette Smith, Bulletin Editor

## MMR Parish School

Denise Judge, School Principal  
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## Office of Religious Education

Nancy Franks, Director of Religious Education  
Valerie Haynos, Secretary, Religious Education

## Parish Pastoral Council

Heather Berkey, Christine Beschen, Chris Fandozzi,  
Jeff O'Donnell, Beth Ann Rufo and Renee Walters

## Parish Finance Council

Tom Alesi, Mike Coakley, Tim Gillespie, Gary  
Kennedy, Barbara O'Donnell and Damian Ward

## Mass Schedules and Devotions

- Morning Prayer:** 7:00 am Weekdays  
**Weekday Mass:** 7:30 am (and 9:00 am during  
Advent and Lent)  
**Saturday:** 7:35 am Rosary, 8:00 am Mass and  
Miraculous Medal Novena  
**Saturday Night:** 5:15 pm Vigil  
**Sunday:** 7:30 am, 9:00 am, 10:30 am and  
12:00 pm  
**Holy Days:** (except New Year's and Christmas)  
6:30 am, 9:00 am, 12:10 pm and  
7:00 pm  
**Friday (All day):** *Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament*  
begin at 8:00 am through 5:00 pm  
*September (after Labor Day) through*  
*May (Friday before Memorial Day)*

## Sacraments

**The Sacrament of Baptism** is administered **most** Sundays after the 12:00 pm Mass. **Arrangements must be made in advance by calling the Parish Office.** First time parents are required to attend a Pre-Jordan class before the baptism. They are held the second Tuesday of every month at 7:00 pm. No pre-registration is necessary.

**The Sacrament of Reconciliation** is offered every Saturday, 4:00 to 4:45 pm; Sundays immediately following the 9:00 am Mass; and anytime by appointment.

**The Sacrament of Marriage** may be scheduled by contacting the Parish Office. The couple must contact the church at least 6 months before a planned wedding date. No other arrangements should be made until the couple meets with a parish priest and the date and time are confirmed. One party must be a member of the parish. Attendance at a Marriage Preparation program is required in accordance with Archdiocesan policy.

**Anointing of the Sick** is available to the dying and those who are elderly, sick, or preparing for surgery. Please contact the Parish Office.

**Communion Calls** are made monthly by clergy and weekly by Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. To place a homebound individual on the Communion Call list, call the Parish Office.

## New Registrations

Welcome new parishioners! You may call the Parish Office at 215-362-7400 to make an appointment to register. In order to receive the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Marriage, or Letters of Eligibility for sponsorship at Baptism or Confirmation, you must be a registered parishioner. Also, children who turn 26 years of age, or complete higher education and continue to reside within our area, should become individually registered parishioners.

## Funeral Notices

Scheduled funeral services being held at Mary, Mother of the Redeemer Church can be found on our website at: <http://mmredeemer.org/funeral-notices/>.

**Parish Summer Office Business Hours**  
Mondays thru Thursdays: 8:30 am to 4:00 pm  
Fridays: 8:30 am to 12:00 pm

**Deadline for the June 14<sup>th</sup> Bulletin  
is Monday, June 8<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 am**

## Mass Intentions

### Monday, June 8

7:30 am Aida Briones by  
the Briones Family

### Tuesday, June 9

7:30 am deceased members of  
the Olivero Family by  
the Paul Logan Family

### Wednesday, June 10

7:30 am Mary Ann DiBiagio by  
Dot & Bill Bell

### Thursday, June 11

7:30 am Nicole Obenski by  
Colleen & Donald Karaj

### Friday, June 12

7:30 am Joel Ziff by  
the Shoener Family

### Saturday, June 13

8:00 am Margaret A. Smith by  
Karen & Steve Saldutti

5:15 pm deceased members of the  
Logue & Maurer Families  
by Harry & Ethel Maurer

### Sunday, June 14

7:30 am Mary, Mother of the  
Redeemer Parishioners

9:00 am Tony Haefner by  
Mom & Dad

10:30 am Isabel & James Duffy  
by Stephen Duffy

12:00 pm John Bergbauer by  
Pat Bergbauer

## From Our Pastor



Dear Parishioners,

Perhaps some of you are wondering why public Masses here at MMR Church are resuming a few days later than the date announced by Archbishop Pérez. Please know that, in no way, is this an act of disobedience on my part. In fact, in his instructions that followed his public statement, he made it clear that each pastor should make his decision based on local circumstances and after considering the sound advice of his staff and taskforce members. In last week's "From Our Pastor" column, I stated that "As much as I long for the day when we are gathered, once again, around the Table of the Lord, I am keenly aware of all of the responsibilities entrusted to me as your pastor --- spiritual and temporal. Please understand that there are some very real and practical considerations to be weighed before inviting everyone back to public Masses."

Many dioceses around the country that initiated the resumption of public Masses began with weekday Masses as a way of testing their procedures and easing into their protocol. This approach proved to be a wise one, and the one that I decided to take. That's why our first public Mass in the "yellow" phase will be celebrated on Monday, June 8<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30 am in the main church.

While many adjustments will be visible upon your return (see "The Resumption of Public Masses at MMR Church" in today's bulletin), I want you to know that all of the HVAC filters in the building have been upgraded to address COVID-19 issues. I cannot over emphasize, however, that those who are sick and those at higher risk of severe illness with COVID-19 are to stay home. I remind you that, during this "yellow" phase, the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and holydays continues to be dispensed. We should not be fearful, but we should be prudent.

Again, I ask that you pray for me and those assisting me, as we strive to do what is best in this sensitive transition back to "normal." God bless us all!

Monsignor John Conway

## Statement of Most Reverend Nelson J. Pérez Regarding the Death of George Floyd

The hearts of Americans across the country are joined together in collective mourning following the tragic, disturbing, and unnecessary death of George Floyd. In the name of the people of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, I express my prayerful condolences and join with all who are struggling to cope with this heavy burden of sorrow and grief.

Recent events in Minneapolis are a stark reminder that the vile evil of racism has not been stamped out in this country. Rather, it has been resurgent in communities throughout our land for the last several years with old wounds being painfully ripped open time and again.

Racial hatred has no place in our world, including here in the United States, or in the hearts of people. Every life is a precious gift from God. Racism is a mortal sin and an attack on that gift. All of us share a responsibility to bring an end to this evil and to do so in a way that seeks justice and peace. The perpetual cycle of pain and anguish must end.

May God give all of us courage and solace as we work together for social justice and to preserve our land as one of equality and opportunity for every citizen. May He bring peace to Minneapolis and to our Philadelphia region and may He rekindle within each of our hearts true love and respect for our fellow human beings.

+Most Reverend Nelson J. Pérez  
Archbishop of Philadelphia





*A message from  
Jessica Walters,  
Director of Parish Services*

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

All of today's readings held an important reminder for me: that there is one God and that we worship and serve Him alone, because of who He is and what He has done, from creation to sending His Son to save us. To worship God means we pay Him homage, serve Him, adore Him, acknowledge Him as Creator and Savior, humble ourselves, submit to and obey His commands, praise and exalt Him - He has done great things and holy is His Name! True worship brings us to our knees (in the first reading, Moses bowed down to the ground in worship).

I hate to admit that this is not always the case for me... I need these kind of reminders far more often than I would like! So often I can say I have just gone through the motions. I have certainly not always fallen to the ground in worship. Sometimes prayer becomes more about me than about God... as if God is the great sounding board in the sky.

I take great hope in a line from the Catechism (2097): *The worship of the one God sets man free from turning in on himself, from the slavery of sin and the idolatry of the world.*

"The first commandment embraces faith, hope, and charity. When we say 'God' we confess a constant, unchangeable being, always the same, faithful and just, without any evil. It follows that we must necessarily accept His words and have complete faith in Him and acknowledge His authority. He is almighty, merciful, and infinitely beneficent. Who could not place all hope in Him? Who could not love Him when contemplating the treasures of goodness and love He has poured out on us? Hence the formula God employs in the Scripture at the beginning and end of His commandments: 'I am the LORD [your God].'"

Peace and blessings on your week!

Warm regards,

*Jessica Walters*

Director of Parish Services  
215-362-7400, ext. 104

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## **CST 101: An Intro to Catholic Social Teaching**

CST 101 is a video and discussion series, which brings the themes of Catholic Social Teaching to life and inspires us to put our faith into action. The seven short videos allow viewers to hear from Catholic leaders and witness the development of a beautifully painted representation of the featured Catholic social teaching. Join us to watch and discuss the series and bring our Gospel call to action to life! Meet in the Matthew Walsh Teen Center on **Thursdays 6/25, 7/23, 8/27 from 6:30 - 8:30 pm.** **There is no cost to attend.**

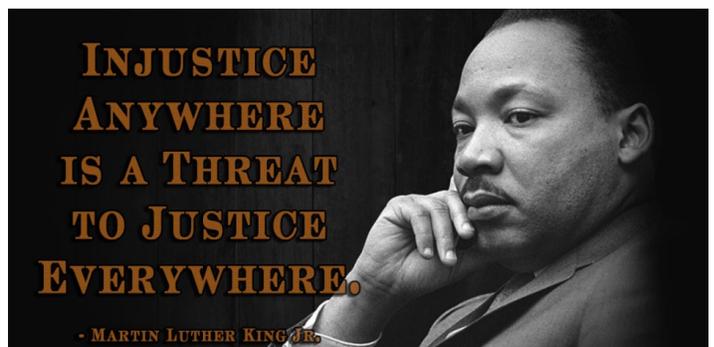
To register by June 23<sup>rd</sup>, contact Jessica Walters at 215-362-7400 or send an email to:

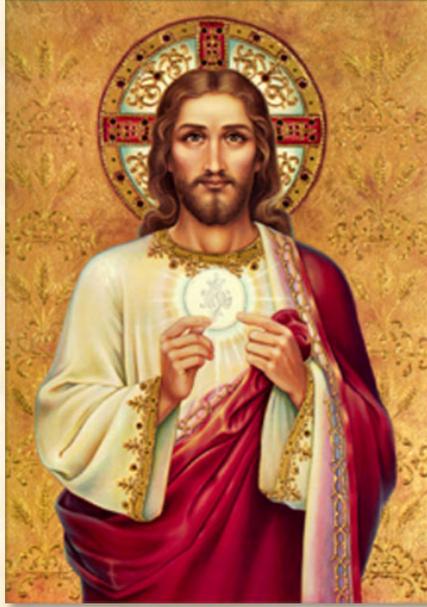
[jessicawalters@mmredeemer.org](mailto:jessicawalters@mmredeemer.org)

## **DONATE**

### **MMR Summer Blood Drive**

At the request of the Red Cross, MMR will be holding a Summer Blood Drive on **Friday, June 19<sup>th</sup>, from 1:00 - 6:00 pm** in the gym. Donors can sign up at <https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=MMR>. Enter zip code 19454, click on Advanced Search, scroll to Choose my Dates and click on June 19, then click on Refine Results at the bottom left. Scroll to Mary, Mother of the Redeemer Catholic School. If you have difficulty registering, please email: [steph.shortall@gmail.com](mailto:steph.shortall@gmail.com).





MARY, MOTHER OF THE REDEEMER PARISH, NORTH WALES, PA  
Celebrates the Solemn Feast of

# Corpus Christi

(The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ)

*You give yourself to us, O Lord; then selfless let us be,  
To serve each other in your name in truth and charity.*

On Saturday, June 13<sup>th</sup>, a

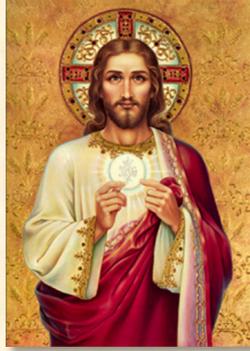
**FOOD DRIVE** will be held at the school  
between 10:00 am and 12:00 pm.\*

*You satisfy the hungry heart, with gift of finest wheat,  
Come give to us, O saving Lord, the bread of life to eat.*

On Sunday, June 14<sup>th</sup>, a

**EUCCHARISTIC PROCESSION & BENEDICTION**  
will be celebrated  
immediately following the 12:00 pm Mass.\*

\*See details on the reverse side of this flyer.



## Details of Corpus Christi Events

### FOOD DRIVE on Saturday, June 13<sup>th</sup>

The Knights of Columbus of MMR will be collecting much-needed food supplies for St. Katharine Drexel Parish in Chester, Delaware County. Their food cupboard is part of the Archdiocesan Nutritional Development Services program, and is currently in need of help to re-stock its shelves. Father Tom Whittingham is pastor of SKD Parish. Many of us have fond memories of his ministry here, and we are asking parishioners to prayerfully consider making a donation to that parish during this time of need. NDS is making a request for the following items: oatmeal, Cheerios and other whole grain/low sugar cereals, canned fruits and vegetables, canned soup (low sodium), canned fish (tuna, salmon), peanut butter, dried or canned beans, dry milk. Please bag or box your donations to facilitate pick-up and distribution. **We ask that all drop-offs be done between the hours of 10:00 AM and noon. In order to maintain appropriate social distancing guidelines, we ask that you drop off your items in the driveway in front of the CEC/school. Knights will be on hand to take your items.** For those who would like to make a donation by check, please make the check payable to St. Katharine Drexel Parish.

### EUCCHARISTIC PROCESSION & BLESSING on Sunday, June 14<sup>th</sup>

Again this year, our parish will hold its Eucharistic Procession as a concrete expression of our faith in the Real Presence. Our devotion will begin with exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the church **immediately following the 12:00 pm Mass** (approximately 1:00 pm). We then will process to an outdoor altar at the Fatima Shrine in the Rosary Garden, and then to an outdoor altar in front of the Parish Office. We will conclude with Benediction at the main altar of the church. The overall service is expected to end by 1:45 pm.

Since we will be in the “yellow” phase of returning to what we knew as normal, participants are asked to wear a mask and to practice social distancing throughout this devotion.

For centuries, the Church has marked *Corpus Christi* with Eucharistic devotion and processions. Please join us as we “gaze upon the Lord, discovering the manifestation of his boundless love.” (St. John Paul II). Let us take this opportunity to thank God for this life-giving sacrament, especially after having been deprived of the Eucharistic Presence for so long due to the Governor’s stay-at-home order.



Mary, Mother of the Redeemer  
CATHOLIC SCHOOL



As the excavation of the school construction site progresses, we now can see the “footprint” of what soon will be our new classroom wing.

## ***Liturgy of the Word with Children Suspended***

Among the many activities we’ve missed during the stay-at-home order has been our youngest parish members’ involvement in their own version of the Sunday Liturgy of the Word guided by dedicated adult catechists. However, when public Masses resume during the “yellow” phase of Montgomery County’s reopening process, we will not be able to resume the Liturgy of the Word with Children. This is due to the issues surrounding social distancing. We look forward to the time, hopefully not long from now, when our little ones can enjoy this weekly gathering.

## ***Returning to Some Normalcy***

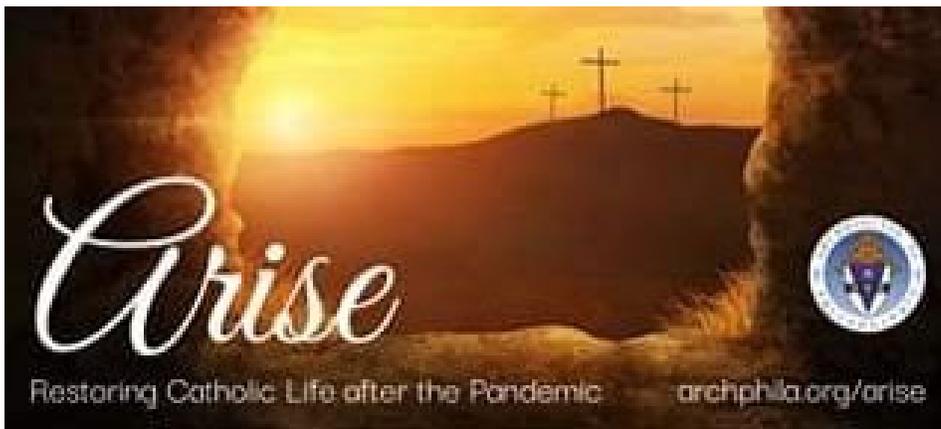
As public Masses resume on Monday, June 8<sup>th</sup>, the doors of our parish **church will be open as usual**; that is, from before morning Mass until around 5:00 pm. Also, **Saturday confessions will be moved back to their regular time; namely, 4:00 - 4:45 pm.** We will continue to use the body of the chapel as a makeshift confessional in order to maintain social distancing. Unfortunately, we will not resume Sunday morning confessions at this time. Remember, you can make an appointment at anytime to have your confession heard by a parish priest. Also, the National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa located in Doylestown, PA offers confessions daily.



## ***Parish Office is Open with Summer Hours***

The Parish Office is now open Mondays thru Thursdays from 8:30 am to 4:00 pm, and Friday from 8:30 am to Noon. If you need to drop off envelopes or small items, there is a drop off box inside the first door of Parish Office for your convenience at any time of day or night. Scrip will be available for purchase during office hours.

***Have a wonderful summer!***



## Archbishop Pérez's Resurrection and Restoration Easter Video Series

The *Arise: Resurrection and Restoration* Easter video series breaks open the mystery of the Resurrection of Jesus and his power to bring us new life in the midst of the pandemic. It is also designed to help us transition back into "in person" life in the Church as the COVID19 restrictions slowly lift. These short videos, given by dynamic local speakers, will offer a teaching on the resurrection of Jesus Christ, its power to restore our lives here and now, and why the "in person" nature of our life as Catholics is so important. Visit the links below to watch the series!

Watch the whole series in English:

<https://vimeo.com/showcase/english-resurrection>

Ver todos los videos en español:

<https://vimeo.com/showcase/resurreccion>

Watch the series interpreted in American Sign Language:

<https://vimeo.com/showcase/asl-resurrection>

## Altar Bread & Wine Donation

Altar Bread for the month of June has been donated in memory of **Anthony J. Haefner** by Henry & Bernadette Haefner.

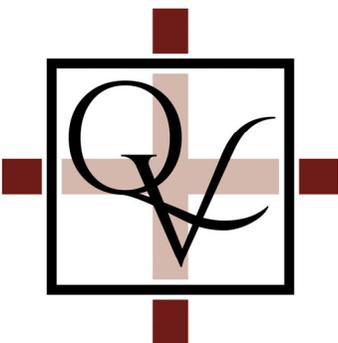
Altar Wine for the month of June has been donated in memory of **Walter Ringer** by Linda & Fran Sanchak.

We extend our sincere gratitude to Mr. & Mrs. Haefner and Mr. & Mrs. Sanchak.



## Next Week's Second Collection

Next weekend's second collection will be for the **MMR Education Endowment Fund**. We are most grateful for your generosity.



### Quo Vadis Days (Virtual)

High school men are invited to gather for an ONLINE 3-day camp with the Philadelphia Seminarians. The camp includes dynamic talks, small group discussions, great games, meaningful prayer experiences and Eucharistic Adoration. Register by June 12<sup>th</sup> – download the registration packet at [HeedTheCall.org/QuoVadis](https://HeedTheCall.org/QuoVadis) or call the Vocation Office at (610) 667-5778.



Anyone receiving a text or email claiming to be Msgr. Conway asking for help of any kind, do not respond. **IT'S A SCAM!**



### Would you like to join the MMR prayer ministry?

Did you know Mary, Mother of the Redeemer has its own Prayer Ministry, where parishioners will pray for world, local and personal intentions. To join, send an email titled "Prayer" to: [maryannecortez@mmredeemer.org](mailto:maryannecortez@mmredeemer.org), and we'll send you a weekly email of the prayer intentions.

### Are you, a loved one or a friend in need prayer?

Just send your intentions to us by email to: [prayer@mmredeemer.org](mailto:prayer@mmredeemer.org).

## CRS Spotlight

COVID19 is affecting people all over the world. As you know, those who Catholic Relief Services (CRS) serves are **always** the hardest hit by any catastrophe. The COVID19 pandemic is no exception. CRS has established a *Lead the Way on Hunger Campaign* to address the global need as food sources become scarcer in vulnerable parts of the world.

To learn more about the challenges and CRS's work go to: <https://www.crs.org/get-involved/learn/resource-center/covid-19-and-hunger>

To learn more about the campaign go to:

[https://www.crs.org/sites/default/files/usops-resources/lead\\_the\\_way\\_hunger\\_toolkit.pdf](https://www.crs.org/sites/default/files/usops-resources/lead_the_way_hunger_toolkit.pdf)

To get updates go to:

<https://www.crs.org/get-involved/lead-way>



## Pray for Our Sick

If you wish that a family member or friend to be placed on the Bulletin Prayer List, please call the Parish Office at 215-362-7400. Please keep us informed of any changes in your loved one's status. Thank you.

*Loving and compassionate Lord Jesus, You brought strength and healing to the afflicted. Through Your healing touch and words, You restored sight to the blind, hearing to the deaf, strength to weakened limbs, and wholeness to those afflicted with disease. Look mercifully upon those named here in their time of need. Grant them the patience they need to carry their cross. If it be Your holy will, grant them Your healing. In all things, we pray that Your will be done. Amen.*

Helen McBride, Shelly Deeds, Sheila Buffler, James Totani, Charles Shortridge, Joseph Gavanus, Marge Bourg, Jerry Bourg, Robert Ratkovic, Charles Barreras, Denise Rank, Annie Cruz Francisco, Elizabeth D'Angelo, Robert Paradysz, Betty Wasser, Grace Faino, Joshua Clark,

Julia Rapp, Ruth Wilson, John Pleier, Jerry Fay, Liz Mencil, Onis Colon, Lee M. Tobak, Michael Fiore, Lorraine Mergen, Margaret McGlynn, Catherine Boland, Tom Taylor, Jesus Roberto I. Dos Remedios, Elizabeth Webb, Amy McMonagle, Joray Wetherill, Rene Oboza, Mary Josephine Haux, Donna Rorer, Patrick Glackin, Charles Moesta, John McGlade, Ann McGlade, Jim DeRose, Jacqueline Olbrich, Paula Downing, Jackie Romanoski, Helene Regetta, Adriana Barreras, Joseph Hughes, Janice Bocella, Joseph Kalkbrenner, Jr., Mary & Jay Bowen, Thomasina Conaway, Dolora Simoneaux, Sister Janet Baker, Maureen Ward, Diane Umile, Rosalie Sandell, Danielle Ferraguti-Gerner, Margaret Richards, Anne Sparich, Maria Dowd, Mary Vitola, Lindsey Davis

## Babies, Children, and Teens:

Jared Hobson, James Mitchell, Soren Zimmerman, Callen Pappal, Matthew Rodriguez, Mary Kate Pironti, Elizabeth Napoli, Ruby Williams, Payton Green, Nicholas Esposito, Lily Studley, Margot Bolton, Bryanna Bolognese, Aidan Drakeley, Harper Barbara Eveland, Evelyn Grace Welsh

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For more information, contact Lou Tonelli at 215-362-7400.

## Pray for Our Service Men and Women

*Almighty God, we ask for your divine mercy and protection.*

*Embrace with your invincible armor our loved ones in all branches of the service.*

*Give them courage and strength against all enemies, both spiritual and physical, and hasten their safe journey back to their homes and families.*

*Amen.*

Please keep the Parish Office informed of any changes in your loved one's status. Thank you.

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Great news! Archbishop Pérez has announced that parishes of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia will be able to resume public Masses in the near future. **Here at Mary, Mother of the Redeemer Parish, public Masses will resume on Monday, June 8<sup>th</sup>, with our normally scheduled 7:30 am Mass.**

As long as Montgomery County remains in the “yellow” phase of statewide reopening, all of us need to do our part to make sure that our return to Mass is a peaceful and safe experience for everyone. You’ll see below that several new protocols will be in place which must be observed. If you choose to attend Mass during this restricted phase, please take the time to read the instructions below. We ask everyone to follow these guidelines when attending Mass. In advance, I thank you for your patience, cooperation, and charity.

**GENERAL POINTS**

- The obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation continues to be lifted during the “yellow” phase. You are not required to attend Mass at this time.
- Please stay home if you are sick.
- **Please stay home if you are at higher risk** of severe illness with COVID19. If you are uncertain about your risk status, consult your doctor and also the CDC Guidelines at the link below.
  - Click here to read the CDC Guidelines for those at higher risk:  
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/need-extra-precautions/people-at-higher-risk.html>
- At this time, all Masses (weekday and Sunday) will be celebrated in our main church.
- Sunday and weekday Mass will continue to be available via live-stream from MMR Church: <https://mmredeemer.org/mass-streaming>.

**BEFORE COMING TO MASS**

- Please wash your hands for 20 seconds using soap and water.
- Kindly bring with you your own hand sanitizer.
- Before entering the church, you must put on a face mask or cloth covering. Exceptions to this include “children younger than 2 years old.” (CDC Guidelines).
- Missalettes will not be in the pews during this period. You are welcome to bring your own missal/readings with you.

**ENTERING THE CHURCH**

- The center set of double doors facing the Parish Office building will be propped open. Please enter the church via that set of doors.
- Note well: the doors on the east side of the church (often referred to as “the handicap entrance”) will not be in use during the “yellow” phase.
- A single-use worship aid for your participation at Sunday Mass will be posted on our website. You may wish to print a copy for yourself and bring it with you. Copies also will be available in the narthex for you to pick up. Ushers will not be handing them out.
- Holy water fonts will remain empty.

## SEATING

- Please honor all posted signs, and follow the directions of our “ambassadors.” **Someone will show you to your seat.** Congregants will be seated as they arrive from the front of the church to the back. Every other pew will be open to ensure proper social distancing.
- Members of the same household may sit together as normal. Please place 6 feet between your household and members of a different household.
- The chapel will not be available for seating.

## DURING MASS

- Congregational singing will be limited.
- Offertory collection baskets will be placed at the rear of each aisle. Kindly place your Offerings in these baskets before or after Mass.
- There will be no Sign of Peace at Mass during the “yellow” phase.
- The Precious Blood will not be distributed at Mass during the “yellow” phase.

## RECEPTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

- Communicants are to form one single Communion line in the center of each designated aisle toward the front of the church. They then will return by a designated side aisle.
- Please maintain social distancing in the Communion line. Keep several pews between yourself and the person in front of you while in line and when returning to your pew.
- During the “yellow” phase, the faithful are asked to receive Holy Communion in the hand.
- At each Mass, low gluten hosts will be consecrated and made available (**only for those with Celiac Disease**) in a separate ciborium and distributed by a designated minister of Holy Communion, since the Precious Blood will not be available.
- Please remove your mask before receiving Holy Communion.

## EXITING THE CHURCH

- The center set of double doors on the Pre-K side of the narthex will be propped open also. Please exit the church via that set of doors. Our ambassadors will guide you.
- At the conclusion of Mass, pick up a bulletin and promptly exit the church building. Please do not congregate for any reason.
- Please leave your mask on until you exit the church.

## OUR COMMITMENT TO YOU

- We will follow the guidelines for sanitation from the CDC. To view the CDC guidelines, visit: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/php/faith-based.html>
- As CDC guidelines are modified, our campus protocol may be revised accordingly.
- While MMR Church has been open for a few hours each day during the statewide lockdown, **our church building will be closed from June 3<sup>rd</sup> through June 7<sup>th</sup> for sanitation before opening for public Masses on Monday, June 8<sup>th</sup>. The exception will be from 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm on Saturday, June 6<sup>th</sup> for confessions.**