



Saint Lucy Catholic Faith Community

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Dear Parishioners and Friends,

You and I have been through some very challenging times during these last two months. As you recall, Bishop Tobin on March 16 in cooperation with the governor of the state of Rhode Island, Gina Raimondo and other civil leaders suspended the public celebration of all masses, weddings, and funerals. Priests were encouraged to celebrate private masses and to leave the church open for visits by the faithful. This is the policy that has been followed here at St. Lucy's Church.

I am pleased to say that all the mass intentions scheduled during these last two months have been fulfilled.

I am also pleased to inform you that St. Lucy's Church will resume the regular schedule of masses beginning on Saturday, May 30 and Sunday, May 31. The daily Mass schedule will resume on Monday, June 1. Confessions will be heard on Saturday, 4pm-4:45pm. As Bishop Tobin publicly stated on Saturday, May 16:

- *Special attention will be given to creating and maintaining a very sanitary environment within the church.
- *Mass attendance is voluntary.
- *The elderly or anyone with a compromised medical condition should not attend mass at this time.
- *More details will be provided as needed and when people arrive at church.
- *Unfortunately this is the new "normal" for the present time.

The church reopens on the great feast of Pentecost, May 30 and 31. As the Holy Spirit empowered the Holy Apostles and gave birth to the early church, so too through prayer and Mary's intercession we pray to be filled with the Holy Spirit and continue do the Lords work in our midst.

May the Lord Jesus, His Blessed Mother, and St. Lucy be your companions and bless you and your loved ones as we resume our public worship in St. Lucy's Church.

God bless,

Rev. John W. O'Brien

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Pastor

"When the time for Pentecost was fulfilled, they were all in one place together. And suddenly there came from the sky a noise like a strong driving wind, and it filled the entire house in which they were. Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues, as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim." (Acts 2:1-11)

PS – It will probably be expected that all who attend mass wear a face mask for the time being.