***Resumption of Public Liturgies in
the Time of Public Health Concern***

***Sunday/Weekday Mass***

 *Directives and Guidelines for the
Diocese of Youngstown ~ May 2020-Adapted for St. Joseph Church*

* **General Guidelines for St. Joseph Church**
* Understanding the desire of many to return to church, it remains important for those who are at greater risk to refrain from returning until such time they feel comfortable and confident to do so.
* Those who are symptomatic or who have been exposed to another with the virus within 14 days should not attend Mass in accordance with national, state and local health directives. If you are included in this directive, please leave.
* SOCIAL DISTANCING: Please do not sit directly in front or directly behind any person or persons. Use a “zig-zag” arrangement. In the pews, except for families, maintain 6 feet between persons. Every week a new Disposable worship aid is distributed and should be taken home after the Mass. You can keep it for referring to these guidelines.
* RECEPTION OF HOLY COMMUNION: While not mandatory, those attending Mass may wear masks or face coverings. For Holy Communion, when approaching the minister, the communicant is to pull the mask *(if wearing one)* below the chin. The minister, after saying, “Body of Christ,” is to carefully place (drop) the host into the hand of the communicant avoiding any incidental contact. Communicants, after responding “Amen,” reverently place the Eucharist in their mouth and replace their mask. Gloves are not permitted. Until further notice, please do not receive on the tongue…..hands only.
* At the conclusion of Mass, please do not congregate in the church building. It is necessary to clear the church so that sanitizing may begin immediately.