As we continue to move through the Covid-19 crisis, please know that we miss you and pray for your safety and that of your loved ones. Thanks be to God for the promise of the resurrection that God is always with us – through our trials and in our joys. Hope is born because of the Easter moment.

While our parish activities continue to be suspended for the time being, weekday Masses are scheduled to resume at 8:30 A.M. on Monday, May 25 in the church (not the chapel for safety and health precautions). Weekend Masses are scheduled to resume for Pentecost, May 30-31, 2020. Please note that during this pandemic, we will not be having a public 6:00 P.M. Mass on Saturday due to the time needed to sanitize the church between Masses. The 6:00 P.M. Mass will be celebrated privately as the videotaped Mass for the weekend. Due to sanitizing requirements, visitation hours in the church will be from 7:00 A.M. until 1:00 P.M. on Monday through Friday, we will not have visitation hours on the weekend.

Please be assured that the Holy Family staff and I are here to support you and provide assistance to you where we can. The economic impact of the current crisis is being felt by so many as jobs and financial markets have been turned upside down. Yet during these challenging times, we witness the beautiful outpouring of generosity as people everywhere respond to the needs around them.

Holy Family relies on your support, both spiritually and financially. It is your generosity that allows us to pay our bills and keep our parish staffed. Unfortunately, this crisis has resulted in a decline in our offertory by 25% over this same time last year. This lack of offertory will have a significant effect on our parish activities, ability to pay essential bills, and parish staff size. I ask you to please consider giving as you are able using one of the following options:

1. **Donate online using this secure link:** <https://osvhub.com/holyfamparma/funds>
2. **Mail your envelope/weekly contribution:** 7367 York Road Parma, OH 44130
3. **Drop your offertory envelope off using our mail slot any time:**  located outside of the parish office to the right of the door.
4. **Drop off your envelope** in person at the parish office from 9:00 A.M. until 12:00 P.M Monday thru Friday. Beginning Monday, June 1, the office will be open from 9:00 A.M. until 3:00 P.M. Monday thru Friday; closed Saturday and Sunday.
5. **Donate using the ACH(direct debit) program.** Forms are available upon request or on our website:

**http:**//holyfamparma.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/01/Electronic-giving\_2017.pdf

We also encourage you to sign up for our parish app so that you can stay up-to-date with parish announcements and communications. Text “App” to 88202 to download our parish app. I also ask that you take a few moments to help us update our parish census so that we can remain in touch with you. Any changes to your contact information (phone/home address/email) or family status can be dropped off at the parish office, sent by mail or sent securely to our parish secretary, Ann Mihaloew by email at [amihaloew@holyfamparma.org](mailto:amihaloew@holyfamparma.org) or by phone at 440-842-5533 ext. 301. We appreciate your help so that we may update our records.

Please note the following information:

First Communion and RCIA are on hold till further notice and will be rescheduled at the appropriate time.

By recommendation of the Diocese and for the safety of all, our annual Parish Festival has been POSTPONED until next year (2021). Since this is our major fundraiser for the year and as a result, lost revenue for our Parish, we will schedule another event later in the year. We do plan to have a Grand Raffle. Details will be forthcoming.

Our maintenance staff has been busy cleaning and sanitizing all areas of the parish campus in addition to their regular maintenance activities. Please respect the guidelines we post around the Church and campus so that our limited staff can keep up with their duties.

Here are some general guidelines for the Masses soon to be resumed:

1. Those who are at risk with pre-existing health conditions, have met with anyone who tested positive for COVID-19, running a fever or not feeling well should remain at home. It is not a sin to miss Mass if you are sick or taking care of sick people.
2. For those who are not able to attend mass, we will continue to post a video of the weekend mass via our website: [www.holyfamparma.org](http://www.holyfamparma.org) or Parish App.
3. The dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass remains in effect. The Easter duty obligation is extended for a period of one year from the end of the Easter season 2020.
4. Masses will be celebrated in such a way as to respect the six-foot social distancing guidelines currently in place; we will block off every 2 pews and mark seating accordingly.
5. We ask that all parishioners enter and exit the Church via the main doors, respecting social distancing guidelines. Please refrain from using the Chapel area and entrance doors and located in this vestibule area.
6. We will omit the Sign of Peace and we will not distribute the Precious Blood.
7. The faithful are obliged to wear a mask upon entering the church and during the celebration of Mass.
8. For the health and safety of all, the Diocese strongly encourages the reception of Holy Communion **by hand**. Those who wish to receive on the tongue should be the last in the communion line to allow for proper sanitizing.
9. There will be markings on the floor for direction of Communion procession. The Priest and Eucharistic ministers will be at the front of the main church using (4) stations.
10. Hymnals/books will not be used. Worship aids will be printed in our weekly bulletin and will be available for pick up at the main entrance upon entering the Church.
11. Collections baskets will not be passed by the ushers or amongst the congregation. A basket will be located at the main entrance for drop off.

During this pandemic our temporary weekend Mass schedule will be:

**Saturday at 4:30 P.M. , Sunday at 7:30 A.M., 9:30 A.M., 11:30 A.M.**

**Week day mass will be held in the CHURCH- at 8:30 A.M.**

Thank you for your continued support during this challenging time. I am eager and hopeful for the day and hour that we will be together again for the celebration of Eucharist and resume parish activities. Scripture reminds us that *“all things work for good for those who love God”* (Romans 8:28). Please do not lose hope. We are an Easter people, who place our trust in the Lord. Our peace is found in Him. Our Lady, Health of the Sick, pray for us.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

**Fr. Rich Evans, Pastor**

**HOLY FAMILY CHURCH 2020 PARISH CENSUS UPDATE**

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**Feel free to write additional information on the back of this paper. This information is for the sole use of Holy Family Parish and will not be shared with a third party. Thank you!**

**\*\*Please return form to Parish office, in collection basket or email amihaloew@holyfamparma.org**