

Dear Parishioners and Parish Friends,

After celebrating Mass for several months now, along with the conclusion of the Lenten Season, all of Holy Week, the celebration of Easter, and the entire Easter Season, in an empty Church, the time has finally come to begin, in a gradual way, the process of reassembling the Parish Community of Saints Cyril and Methodius. As we begin this exceedingly difficult process, we need to always remember that things will be vastly different from when we last gathered in our Parish Church last March. These changes will call from you and I, Clergy and Laity alike, understanding, consideration, patience and above all, a genuine spirit of Christian sacrifice and charity. Remember in all of this, the COVID-19 has not yet been contained nor has it been defeated.

Included here on our website is the various protocols that will govern our reassembling in our Parish Church during this "YELLOW PHASE" of reopening. All guidance contained in it is based on Federal and State publications and has been issued for use within the Diocese of Scranton. IT IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT THAT YOU TAKE THE TIME TO READ AND TO UNDERSTAND, AS WELL AS TO IMPLIMENT, THE GUIDELINES THAT HAVE BEEN LISTED.

I am sure that as you read through the list of protocols that are now in place, some of you may say that they are too extreme or even unnecessary. I personally beg to differ. Please remember that COVID-19 has not been contained nor has it been defeated. The Diocese of Scranton, as well as all here at Saints Cyril and Methodius Parish, are genuinely concerned not only about your spiritual well being, but your physical as well. Please read and take to heart these important issues at hand.

Thank you for all that you do for our Parish community. I am most sure that you will, once again, rise to the occasion and aid us in this important endeavor.

Stay well and stay safe.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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