As many of you already know, Archbishop Nelson Pérez announced that churches in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia will be able to resume public Masses the weekend of June 6-7, 2020. The staff and Friars of the National Shrine of Saint Rita of Cascia look forward to welcoming you back! Let us keep our eyes fixed on Jesus as we make our way back to the in person celebration of the Mass.

While our 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 all. Please take a few moments to read the instructions below. We ask everyone to follow these guidelines when attending Mass during this period:

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 COVID-19. If you are uncertain about your risk status, please 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.
- We will continue to follow the CDC Guidelines for sanitation of the church and all public spaces as we resume Mass in person.
- Links for live-streamed Masses will continue to be available on our website: https://www.saintritashrine.org/prayers-coronavirus.

BEFORE COMING TO MASS
- Please wash your hands for 20 seconds using soap and water.
- Before entering the Church, please put on a face mask or cloth covering. Exceptions to this are “children younger than 2 years old, anyone who has trouble breathing or is unconscious, and anyone who is incapacitated or otherwise unable to remove the cloth face covering without assistance” (CDC Guidelines).
- Please do not come to Mass if you are sick or are at higher risk for severe illness with COVID-19 (see above).
- Missalettes will not be in the pews during this period. You are welcome to bring your own missal/readings with you.

ENTERING THE CHURCH
- Please follow all the posted signs when you arrive. Only certain entrances will be available and open for use by our patrons. The lower Shrine will remain closed during our first weekend of public Masses.
- Hand sanitizer will be available at the Church entrances. Please use the hand sanitizer upon entering and exiting the Church.

SEATING
- When taking your seat, please honor all posted signs about where you may sit. Every third 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.

DURING MASS
- A collection will be taken up during the Offertory as usual using long-handed baskets. Gifts can also be donated electronically: http://www.saintritashrine.org/donate.
- There will be no Sign of Peace during Mass during the Yellow Phase.
- The Precious Blood will not be distributed during Mass during the Yellow Phase.
- There should be no holding of hands during the Our Father.

RECEPTION OF HOLY COMMUNION
- Two Communion lines will be available in the side aisles of the church. We ask that you return to your seat down the main aisle.
- A third Communion line will be available by the baptismal font (far, front right side of the church) for anyone who wishes to receive Communion on the tongue. After each person receives, the minister will sanitize their hands before distributing again.
- Please maintain social distancing in the Communion lines. Please keep several pews between yourself and the person in front of you while in line and when returning to your pew.
- Please remove your mask before receiving Holy Communion.

EXITING THE CHURCH
- At the conclusion of Mass, please exit the Church and proceed directly to your car. Please do not congregate for any reason.
- Please take a parish bulletin home with you. They will be available by the front door for you to pick up on your own.
- Please leave your mask on until you exit the Church.

These instructions are designed to keep all of our patrons, staff, and Friars healthy and safe. As they evolve and as our plans develop, we will do our best to communicate any changes with you.