

**MARY, GATE OF HEAVEN PARISH  
ST. MARY/ ST. ROBERT CHURCHES  
WINDSOR LOCKS, CT  
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Dear parishioner,

June 2020

I hope you and your family are doing well and keeping safe. The good news today is that we will finally be able to hold public Masses on Sundays and the vigil Masses on Saturday afternoon. **This will begin on July 4-5.** I know it has been a long time coming and both Fr. Tim and I will be happy to see you once again.

I would be remiss if I did not thank Mr. Paul Fortier who donated his time and talent to bring you every week the live stream Sunday Mass. So many people have benefited from this and we could not have done this without his most generous help. We do intend to continue the live stream Mass every Sunday but more information will be forthcoming.

As you know, we will be adhering to the state and health department guidelines for reopening. They are the following: face coverings or masks *must* be worn; Communion *must* be received in the hand; hand sanitizers available at entrances; social distances will be followed (pews will be marked out); church will be sanitized after every Mass and maximum number for each Mass is limited to 100 people.

The schedule for Masses will be the same with one exception. There will be an **additional 4:30 PM Mass on Saturday at St. Mary Church.** This will be **temporary** until we get a feel for the numbers wanting to attend the Saturday Mass and then hopefully fit everyone in at St. Robert. So remember for now: **two Saturday afternoon Masses at 4:30 @ St. Mary and St. Robert Churches.** Confessions will be heard 3:30 – 4PM before the vigil Mass at both churches.

Archbishop Blair has given a dispensation from attending Sunday Mass for all Catholics up until September. In other words, you do not have to attend if you are of a vulnerable age, have underlying conditions, are taking care of an elderly adult at home or basically you feel this is not the time. This is most understandable.

Fr. Tim and I will be glad to see you again and welcome you back home with a big smile. God bless.

Sincerely,

Msgr. Bob O'Grady