

As we all joyfully await the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ this Christmas season, I would like to take this opportunity to invite you to celebrate at one of the six churches of St. Isidore the Farmer Parish. As many of you know, our churches have been reopened since June, and we continue to provide a place of spiritual renewal to all in both Western Allegheny and Washington Counties.

We have taken the necessary steps to prepare our churches for the Christmas celebration, which includes cleaning and disinfecting before and after all masses and socially distancing parishioners in the pew.

I am sharing with you the following Mass schedules at our six churches. As with our Sunday masses, **reservations will be required** in advance to attend one of the eighteen Masses on Christmas or the Holy Day, Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God, January 1, 2021. Reservations are being taken for each church by a volunteer, who will take your name and the number of people attending. Reservations will be taken starting December 1st thru the 21st for Christmas and the Holy Day, January 1st. See the contact information included in this letter, to make your reservation. Parishioners will be seated in pews that will provide 6 feet of distancing from individuals and families. All attendees are required to wear a mask inside the church. In anticipation of parishioners wanting to celebrate Mass during this season, we are offering a number of options at our churches.

At St. Columbkille church, in addition to seating in church, the parish hall has been set up for seating and live projection of the Mass, **both require reservations**. Also, we are offering the option of staying in your car at all the Masses. Cars will park in the parking lot facing the church, and the Mass is broadcast on FM 100.5. We will have parking lot attendants to assist you. Reservations are not required for attending in the parking lot. As is the current practice at Sunday Mass, Holy Communion will be distributed **after** Mass in church, in the hall and in the parking lot.

At St. Ann church, seating will be available in the church and hall, **both will require a reservation for attendance**. Parishioners may also choose to stay in their car, and listen to the Mass on FM 100.5. Reservations are not required for the parking lot.

St. Patrick church, seating will be available in the church and the hall, **both will require a reservation for attendance**.

For those parishioners who are unable to attend Mass at our parish churches, you will be able to watch the Mass online at either 4 PM on Christmas Eve from Our Lady of Lourdes or 8 AM on Christmas day from St. Ann. Visit www.stisidorethefarmer.org and click on the “f” for Facebook, located at the top right of our home page, to see the Mass live.

The following is the Mass schedule for Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, and the Holy Day the Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God.

St. Isidore the Farmer – Christmas Mass Schedule								
Church	Thursday, December 24			Friday, December 25				
	2 PM	4 PM	6 PM	8 AM	8:30 AM	10 AM	10:30 AM	Noon
St. Alphonsus	†	†			†			
St. Ann	†		†	†				
St. Columbkille	†	†	†	†		†		
St. Michael		†				†		
St. Patrick	†	†					†	
Our Lady of Lourdes		†						†

St. Isidore the Farmer – Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God Mass Schedule						
Church	Thursday, December 31		Friday, January 1			
	4 PM	6:30 PM	8 AM	10 AM	10:30 AM	Noon
St. Alphonsus	†					
St. Ann			†			
St. Columbkille		†		†		
St. Michael				†		
St. Patrick					†	
Our Lady of Lourdes	†					†

Please find below, the information to make reservations for inside the church or hall. Please make your reservations starting on December 1st and no later than December 21st.

St. Isidore the Farmer – Reservation Contact Information				
Church	Contact	Phone Number	Days / Times	Note
St. Alphonsus	Jack or Irene Rosati	412-977-4345	Wednesday 5-9 PM Thursday 2-4 PM	
St. Ann	See reservation information below*			
St. Columbkille	Bob Sterner	724-470-4711	Wednesday-Friday 6-7:30 PM	Text this number anytime
St. Michael	Sam Geresti	724-249-4142	Wednesday-Thursday 6-8:30 PM	
St. Patrick	Bevin Foreman	724-693-8264	If no answer, leave message	No call back you have a space
Our Lady of Lourdes	Mary Stamos	724-947-4632	Wednesday-Thursday 5-9 PM	4 PM Mass
	Mary Lou Dowler	412-860-4956		Noon Mass

*It is preferred that you make your reservation for St. Ann, through the parish website. www.stisidorethefarmer.org/st-ann-christmas-reservations. If you don't have a means to access the website, please contact Bob Sterner at 724-470-4711 to make your reservation.

Our Lady of Lourdes – 1109 Main Street, Burgettstown, PA 15021

St. Alphonsus – 219 W. Lincoln Ave., McDonald, PA 15057

St. Ann – 967 Grant Street, Bulger, PA 15019

St. Columbkille – 103 Church Road, Imperial, PA 15126

St. Michael – 97 Highland Avenue, Avella, PA 15312

St. Patrick – 7322 Noblestown Road, Oakdale, PA 15071

Parish Office – located at St. Columbkille – 724-695-7325

I wish all of you and your families a holy and joyous Christmas season.

Yours in Christ,