As I write this, the bishop has announced that churches can reopen for masses with more than 10 persons on Pentecost Sunday (May 30) IF all protocols are in place and we’re ready. So for this Memorial Day Weekend we remain closed. On Monday, May 25 we will be able to open to more than 10 persons for weekday masses.

For over a decade the parish communities have alternated between a Summer Schedule and a School Year Schedule. The Summer Schedule goes into effect this Memorial Day Weekend.

WEEKEND MASSES
Saturday, 5:00 PM Mass at St. Peter’s (beginning May 30?)
Sunday, 8:30 AM Mass at St. Peter’s & Live-streaming
Sunday, St. Mary’s Grotto 10:00 AM

WEEKDAY MASSES
Monday, 8:30 AM at St. Peter’s
Tuesday, 8:30 AM at St. Mary’s
Wednesday, 5:30 PM at St. Peter’s
Thursday, 8:30 AM at St. Peter’s followed by a Holy Hour (Exposition) in the church

- Social distancing and the wearing of face masks will be required for attendance at mass.
- Attendees will be required to sit in designated spaces.
- Only the Sunday Mass will be live-streamed
- Capacity will be limited to maximum 120 persons in designated seating
- Holy Communion will be distributed at the end of mass on Sundays.
- Remember the Sunday Obligation to attend mass is dispensed. Don’t come if you don’t feel safe. Attendance at a weekday mass fulfills your obligation.

PARISH OFFICES ARE OPENING
Beginning this week (May 26) the parish offices will open at their regular hours:
Monday - Thursday 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

HOWEVER: there are protocols being put in place for the staff’s safety.
1. All doors will remain locked. Entrance will be only through the north door (#2)
2. Please call ahead to let us know you are coming. The church will be open if you would like to come and spend some time in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. We are looking into the possibility of installing a doorbell/camera security system.
3. You must wear a face mask in order to gain entry to the building. Please use the hand sanitizer at the entry.
4. Except for the churches (and offices) our parish centers and kitchens remain off limits. The focus of opening up is to celebrate the sacraments of the church. Until further protocols are established we will be unable to provide funeral meals or host other social events (coffee & rolls, Tuesday evening meals, meetings, adult studies, etc.) or host outside groups. The Knights of Columbus and the National Catholic Society of Foresters are considered outside groups because of the way they are chartered as organizations.

Please see the the other inserts in this bulletin for the full statement of the Minnesota Bishops Conference to Governor Walz and the protocols that every parish in the state is required to observe in order to open.
Please continue to pray for all who are experiencing hardship during this pandemic.
Please practice the virtue of love/charity by wearing a mask; protect those workers who are serving you in the stores and restaurants so they don’t bring the virus home to their families.
Please check our websites frequently for the latest news.

www.stpeterpr.org
www.stmarys-twoinlets-churchandgrotto.com