



**APPLICATION OF THE *LIMITED TIME MITIGATION ORDER*
OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA**

**OFFICE FOR DIVINE WORSHIP
ARCHDIOCESE OF PHILADELPHIA
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2020**

On Thursday, December 10, 2020, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania issued an Order for Limited Time Mitigation. Both the order from Governor Wolf and Dr. Levine include this stated exception: “Churches, synagogues, temples, mosques and other places of congregate worship **are specifically excluded** from the limitations set forth above during religious services. These institutions are strongly encouraged to enforce physical distancing and other mitigation measures at their gatherings.”

Current Archdiocesan Directives remain fully in effect, both the Directives for Advent and Christmas and Archdiocesan Guidelines for the Application of *Safer At Home* Restrictions in the City of Philadelphia (links below). These Directives strongly encourage physical distancing and the other mitigating measures to stem the spread of COVID-19 during the celebration of Mass. No parish is to suspend or cancel the public, in person, celebration of Mass on Sundays, Christmas and weekdays.

- [Liturgical Directives for Advent and Christmas 2020](#)
- [Guidelines for the Application of the Safer at Home Restrictions in the City of Philadelphia](#)
- Full details can be found on the Arise website at <http://archphila.org/arise/>

Please join us on Wednesday for the upcoming Arise webinar during which we offer clarifications and answer your questions:

Wednesday, December 16, 2020 – 10:00-11:15 AM

Arise Webinar: Getting Our Bearings in an Ever-Changing COVID Landscape

The goal of this webinar is to clarify current Archdiocesan directives as we approach the celebration of Christmas with new and recent restrictions on the State and City level. In the ever-changing landscape of the pandemic, this is an opportunity to ask your questions regarding sacraments, Christmas Masses, and other parish ministries during this period. There are no new Archdiocesan directives; the webinar intends to clarify current directives in light of the new civil mandates. We will also touch upon the concern about those who do not seem to be returning to Mass and how we can begin to respond to this issue.

Webinar hosts: Fr. Dennis Gill, Director, Office for Divine Worship
and Meghan Cokeley, Director, Office for the New Evangelization

Click here to register:

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_Z6vZNB3FQcedQJ2gCL6IBQ

(Even if you cannot attend the webinar live, please register and a recording will be emailed to you.)

Thank you so very much for your continued generous assistance throughout the COVID-19 Pandemic. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at fr.dgill@archphila.org.

In Christ,
Father Dennis Gill
Director
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