

# SACRED HEART CHURCH

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November 3, 2020

Dear Sacred Heart Parishioners,

I write to inform you that a parishioner of Sacred Heart who attended the 10:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday, October 25, 2020, has self-reported a positive test result for COVID-19 on November 2, 2020. The parishioner is under the care of a medical professional and we will keep them in prayer for a safe and full recovery.

I want to share the following steps Sacred Heart is taking to minimize the impact in our parish to keep all employees and parishioners healthy and safe. We want you to be aware of the following actions:

- We have communicated directly with any specific employees and parishioners who are believed to have come in direct contact with the parishioner and have asked these employees to work remote or stay home for a 14-day quarantine period as advised by the CDC.
- We have followed, and continue to follow, the latest CDC recommendations for cleaning and disinfecting facilities, including the work area and extensive disinfection of the surfaces.

It is possible that parishioners were exposed to the virus prior to Sunday, October 25, 2020. We urge you to consult with your physician if you or any member of your family displays symptoms consistent with COVID-19.

Symptoms of COVID-19 include coughing, fever, loss of taste or smell, and shortness of breath. It is important to follow all guidelines provided at this time, including staying at home, continuing preventive measures, and practicing social distancing. For more information about symptoms and testing, please use this link: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/index.html>. In addition, see Frequently Asked Questions from the Maryland Department of Health: [https://phpa.health.maryland.gov/Documents/coronavirus\\_FAQ.pdf](https://phpa.health.maryland.gov/Documents/coronavirus_FAQ.pdf)

We continue to encourage all parishioners to practice good hygiene and social distancing to minimize the risk of infection.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding during these times. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely in Christ,

Reverend Ronald A. Potts  
Pastor, Sacred Heart Catholic Church