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MEDIA ADVISORY

Individual Who Was Present at Local Mass Tests Positive for COVID-19

(ALTOONA, PA) – An individual who attended Mass at a parish in the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown has tested positive for COVID-19.

The person attended the 4:00 p.m. Mass at Saint Francis of Assisi Parish in Johnstown on Saturday, August 1. Weekend Masses at Saint Francis of Assisi have been celebrated in the parish activity center since public liturgies resumed in mid-June.

The parish remains open to the faithful, and weekday Masses are continuing to be celebrated in the church. The parish is engaging in a deep cleaning of the activity center.

In continued alignment with public health guidelines, the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown requires all clergy and parishioners to wear masks at all Masses and practice physical distancing.

Please join Bishop Mark Bartchak in praying for the individual who tested positive for COVID-19. May the Lord provide healing and comfort to all those who are impacted by this pandemic.