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MEDIA ADVISORY

*Person Who Attended Mass
at a Blair County Parish Tests Positive for COVID-19*

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

The person was present at the 11:00 a.m. Mass on October 25 at Holy Rosary Parish in Altoona. The church is undergoing a deep cleaning.

In continued alignment with public health guidelines, Bishop Mark Bartchak directs all clergy and parishioners to wear masks and practice physical distancing at all Masses and other church activities. The faithful are also reminded that the Bishop continues to waive the obligation to attend Sunday Mass.

Vulnerable individuals and others who cannot attend Mass are invited to watch the Sunday Mass from Saint John Gualbert Cathedral in Johnstown, which is broadcast live every Sunday at 11:00 a.m. on WATM ABC 23 and rebroadcast every Sunday at 9:00 p.m. on Atlantic Broadband channel 9.

The diocese extends prayers for the individual who tested positive for COVID-19 and for everyone affected by the coronavirus pandemic.