



# Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown

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## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

*Individual 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 has tested positive for COVID-19.

The person attended the 11:00 a.m. Mass on November 1 at Saint Patrick Parish in Newry. The parish has undergone thorough sanitization.

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. Various parishes also live-stream or post Masses on their website or social media.

The Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown offers prayers for the individual who tested positive and for everyone affected by the coronavirus pandemic.