

# Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown

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## MEDIA ADVISORY

### *Individual Who Attended Mass at a Cambria County Parish Tests Positive for COVID-19*

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

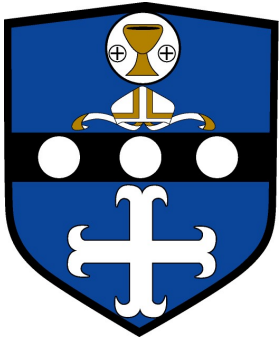
The person was present at the 9:00 a.m. Mass on October 25 at Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish in Johnstown. The church is undergoing additional cleaning.

Out of an abundance of caution, the parish will offer outdoor Communion services at times of the normally-scheduled Masses this weekend — October 31 at 4:00 p.m. and November 1 at 9:00 a.m.

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.



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