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Dear Friends in Christ,

As the weather warms and a growing number of people are vaccinated, more of us have been able to gather in-person for worship and parish ministries. We are planning numerous worship, fellowship, education, and community service / outreach opportunities for children, teens, and adults in the coming months. I will write more next week on those topics, but this week I want to focus on outdoor and indoor worship. I hope to see you all soon!

The warming weather enables us to resume outdoor Eucharists in the Garden of Resurrection (“Mass-on-the-grass”). **Upcoming Mass-on-the-grass dates are *tentatively*: April 18 (THIS SUNDAY), April 25, May 2, May 5, and May 13, all at 5:00 pm.** Mass-on-the-grass will not be moved indoors for inclement weather, it will simply be cancelled; if you plan to attend, please check the e-blast and/or check the website calendar to make sure Mass-on-the-grass is still happening. Masks and social distancing are required. RSVPs are not required at Mass-on-the-grass, though we will have a sign-in for contact tracing purposes. The service bulletin will be available for your mobile device [HERE](#). Each Mass-on-the-grass will be followed by a brief reception in the lower garden. Please feel free to bring some beverages to share – we will provide plastic cups, soft drinks, and white wine. Donations to defray the cost of the wine and soft drinks are appreciated – send in a check to the church with “fellowship” in the memo line.

Restrictions for our indoor celebrations of the Eucharist have decreased over the past months. Indoor worship is limited by NYS to at most 50% capacity. We require social distancing and universal mask wearing. The doors and windows are open whenever possible. Walk-ins are welcome, RSVPs to the Parish Office are helpful but not required. Hymns are prerecorded, everything else is live. Before attending worship, please review our [Guidelines](#). You can view the live-stream (which remains online) of the 8:00 am and 10:00 am Sunday Eucharist [HERE](#).

O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

In Christ and Happy Easter!

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