

PARISH RENEW AND RECONNECT IN PERSON

Sample Parish Timeline

Always follow COVID protocols in place	PARISH MINISTRIES	COMMUNICATION FOCUS	KEY ACTIVITY/ EVENTS
Phase 1 COVID Restrictions are still in place	Continue live streaming Masses, continue pandemic protocols as directed by your diocese & local health officials	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year in review (possibly Pastor state of the parish letter aka messy letter), sneak peek at Renew and Reconnect in Person & post-COVID, Stewardship renewal message asking people to think about how gifts are being used. Lay testimonial message focusing on stewardship 	<p>Pastor and staff begin thinking about Renew and Reconnect in Person, a main celebration event.</p> <p>EVENT: Identify a meaningful time frame to serve as a grand celebration e.g., Parish Saint's Feast Day)</p>
Phase 2 As vaccines are distributed, more people become comfortable going out into public	Contact parish ministry leaders to begin planning for reopening of the ministries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify volunteers and ask them to reach out and welcome other parishioners to help Pastor handwritten notes to top supporters and volunteers, not forgetting those who have stepped forward during COVID Introduce the Renew and Reconnect in Person plan, timeline & key activities flyer to parish Phone calls to every household to connect with and invite personally to the Grand-opening, to see the video or other resources <p>IDEA: Video preparing parishioners for what Mass/activities may look like (e.g., no holy water or pews not separated)</p>	<p>Develop the parish's Renew and Reconnect in Person plan (A series of events/activities to help parishioners celebrate, grieve, and reconnect with the parish community)</p> <p>EVENT: Ministry volunteer brainstorm on Renew and Reconnect in Person activities (e.g., candles for deceased, remembrance wall, book club, outdoor movie night, walking rosary, nature walk, household packets for pickup, etc.)</p> <p>EVENTS IDEAS: Parish clean-up, campus maintenance, flower planting, cleanup of parish cemetery for memorial day</p>
Phase 3 More comfortable than Phase 2	Various Ministries Resume In Person	<p>We're back</p> <p>EVENTS IDEAS: time capsule item or remembrance activity item dropoff</p>	<p>Grand re-opening MAIN EVENT</p> <p>EVENTS of Community: Hosting events of celebration such as or combining a children's fair, scavenger hunt, outdoor movie night, turning on holy water font, procession with monstrance Blessed Sacrament, Blessing of the Harvesters/Harvest</p> <p>EVENTS of Celebration: Parents night out, senior brunch, parish day of service, Trivia night, parish leadership & volunteer dinner</p> <p>EVENTS of Remembrance: Time capsule ceremony, bless a new statue, painting or memorial wall, lighting a candle to remember deceased, Speaker about grief, Night of reflection with adoration,</p>
		<p>Mid-way update on the Renew and Reconnect, upcoming activities</p> <p>EVENTS IDEAS: Follow-up about the time capsule or remembrance memorial</p>	
Phase 4	Continue with regular parish liturgical events and ministries	<p>Pastor state of the parish letter</p> <p>Stewardship renewal (<i>time, talent, treasure</i>)</p>	<p>EVENTS IDEAS: Bring a friend to Mass + Saturday night social</p> <p>EVENTS IDEAS: Reconciliation, Stewardship Activity fair, Gifts Inventory</p>

