

Covid 19 Update 3/17/20

Blessings to you all in the holy season of Lent. This has been the most unusual of Lents. The prayer, fasting and giving alms have all taken on a whole new meaning.

Dear Friends, I am back from the Holy Land. Our pilgrimage had to be curtailed but I am now home and in a self-imposed quarantine which will end on the 29th of March.

- Weekend Masses will take place as scheduled however Archbishop Perez has e dispensed the faithful of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass.
- There will not be a 6:30 Mass for the rest of this week nor next week (March 17 through March 27).
- Father Canavan will celebrate the 8:15 daily mass through the 27th.
- The Communion Service at 8:15 on Saturday is cancelled for this Saturday and next Saturday March 21st and March 28th).
- Stations of the Cross are cancelled for the remaining Fridays of Lent.
- Our parish Pre-K and Child Care is closed this week and next.
- CFF & Sacrament Families were emailed a Home School Guide over the weekend for lessons to be completed at home through next week. Updates will be sent by Angela Lawlor.
- All parish activities and meetings and practices are cancelled until further notice.
- The Thursday evening and Saturday morning AA Meetings will take place as usual.
- The Church will remain open from 6:15 in the morning until 9:30 at night and all throughout the day every day. You are welcome to come in and pray at any time. Please practice proper social distancing.
- Please consider signing up for electronic **Parish Giving** to keep our vital parish ministries afloat.

We are all asked to be prudent and wise and considerate of those around us, to share with and not hoard from, to reach out to help and not pull away from those who are our neighbors.

I believe we are rising to the occasion and it is my hope that this virus will serve to elicit our best response. The enemy is always trying to destroy love and sow the seeds of fear and distrust and selfishness. Our Lord is always inviting us to believe, to trust and to find a way. Let us continue to pray that Our Lord will lead us through this valley of darkness and the shadow of death into his kingdom of light and goodness and truth. With our health restored and our lives intact.

Til I see you again, I remain in the peace of Christ.

Msgr. McHenry