

March 28, 2020  
A Note from Fr. Chris

I wanted to reach out to let you now that I am praying for you and remembering everyone in the sacrifice of the Mass as I celebrate alone. I hope that you are all well and adhering to the regulations set forth to help contain the spread of disease.

I know so many are missing the Eucharist and coming to Mass. I, too, miss celebrating with you and look forward to seeing you in Church as soon as possible. It is very sad that we will not be able to celebrate Holy Week and Easter together. I will be blessing palms when they arrive, and they will be available for pick up at St. Mary, St. Joseph and St. John. A time will be posted on Facebook when we have the details ironed out.

We have had a few requests to live-stream Mass. At this time, we will not be doing that. I encourage everyone to watch Mass on television. You can also watch Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral. Information can be found on the Archdiocesan website. <https://archny.org/mass/>

Until further notice, we are unable to celebrate any sacraments, except for Anointing of the Sick (emergency only). Our Eucharistic Ministers and Deacons are not able to bring Communion to anyone. We are not able to have funeral Masses. We are not allowed any gatherings. As soon as anything changes, we will let you know.

On a happier note, with the help of John Livermore and the Stone Pony, 100 people in need were able to receive meals. We were able to provide names of families in need, and meals donated through the Stone Pony were delivered. It is such a blessing to see our community come to the aid of others in a time of crisis. Let's keep doing those Works of Mercy!

The Gospel for this weekend speaks of Jesus waking Lazarus from the dead. With Jesus, all things are possible. We must keep the faith and pray for Jesus to wake us from this disease and heal not only our bodies, but our minds and souls. Keep praying for help; ask the Blessed Mother to intercede on our behalf. Pray the Rosary and Divine Mercy. The Lord will hear our prayers. I know that the Rosary is prayed daily at 4pm, and Alison posts a video link on the St. Mary & St. Joseph Facebook page. Please spread the word and ask others to join.

I want to thank everyone who has sent in their weekly offerings. As you know, the Church relies on the collections to help us pay our bills and function. Offerings may be mailed to 36 Cedar Street or dropped in the mailbox at the Parish Center at St. Mary's. There is a mailbox inside the front door. Also, online donations are available. We have WeShare links for both St. Mary of the Snow & St. Joseph as well as St. John the Evangelist. The links are:

St. Mary of the Snow & St. Joseph: <https://stmaryofthesnow.churchgiving.com/>

St. John the Evangelist: <https://sjechurch.weshareonline.org/>

**Your donations stay with whichever church you sign up on WeShare.**

Finally, I want to thank you for your continued support. You will remain in my prayers and I will keep you informed as to any changes or updates we receive.

Until we see each other again, I bid you health and happiness!

Fr. Chris