

The Parish of St. Stanislaus Kostka
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Dear member of the St. Stanislaus family,

Strength, hope, and peace! They remind us that Jesus is always with us. Father Jay wants you to know that he is praying for all our parish families during this trying time.

With Father's support, we are writing from the St. Stanislaus Finance Committee to let you know how the parish is managing through this difficult period. Since parishioners cannot come to church, our donations are **down over 40%**; this is a decline of approximately \$2,584 per week. We are managing to maintain the staff and pay some bills, but others are being put on hold. Like you, we are having a tough time. In addition, we have taken some action to cut costs where possible. We have suspended some services such as, our rug service, water deliveries and weekly bulletin. The consumption of electric and gas are of course down **but utilities are still a sizable expense.**

Still, there are wonderful signs of generosity... Father mentioned to us that he returned his last paycheck to the church. We also heard from several parishioners that they plan to donate a portion of their stimulus checks or tax refunds and one woman mentioned she was putting her weekly donations in a jar and saving it until the church reopens. Many of you have continued to make your **donations and buy grocery cards**, for which we are most thankful. If you can possibly contribute at this time, it would be most welcome. Drop that jar off or any donations to the parish office (office hours are shortened and sporadic so please call and speak to someone before dropping by). **Donations can also be sent to Saint Stanislaus Parish, PO Box 558, Pleasant Valley, NY 12569.** Many of you have signed up for WeShare, our online giving program. **The WeShare program is a great way to assure your consistent support online; click on the link saintstanislaus.churchgiving.com.** This allows you to give either a onetime gift or an automatic continual donation that will continue when you are not able to attend mass at Saint Stanislaus. In addition, we have received over \$4,000 in special donations from parishioners to assist us in our time of need.

If you are currently sending your contributions, thank you. If not, will you **consider restarting your weekly contribution** or making a onetime donation to help our parish and our community of parishioners get through is difficult time? Likewise, if you participated in the **grocery card program, please continue to buy them at the office** (the parish earns 5-10% on every purchase!)

We continue, as always, to be concerned about all of our parishioners and especially those who may be in need of assistance at this time. Please contact the church, 635-1700 ext 10, if you would like to discuss the situation or let us know of someone in need. If you get the voicemail, please leave a message and someone will get back to you within 24 hours.

Sincerely,

The Saint Stanislaus Finance Committee: Marty Conroy, Fred DeWald, Maria DeWald, Tim Eddy, Joe Peruffo, Trish Prunty, Kurt Schollmeyer, Kevin Sullivan, Andrea Tighe
Father Jay Backes

P.S. Signing up for online contributions (saintstanislaus.churchgiving.com) or buying grocery cards will be a huge help! Please contact the parish office for more information.

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