

March 20 Update

As I write to you this morning (Friday), I look out upon our parking lot (3/4 flooded) and the neighbor's large tree that came down over our main entrance. (God bless whoever partially cut it up to allow access to our property.) Last night's rain and storm were severe, which only heightened the dismal nature of these days. I hope you have had a chance to view the reflective materials that Paul, our director of music, prepared. You can find it on our website under Liturgy and Sacraments/Music. (Article in previous Flocknote today.)

We will make every effort to continue these words/music, etc. over the days ahead. None of us know where all of this is going, but through it all may we remain faithful to the Lord and trust in Him, no matter how things unfold.

Per instructions by our bishop, my age group of priests is to remain absent from all normal duties. In emergency situations, you can try me at my home number 740-587-4136. All deaths will be celebrated only in a graveside service with family only. A Memorial Mass can be scheduled at a later date.

That's as much as I know now. We will keep in touch through Flocknotes and our parish website. I will be praying for all of you and ask you to do the same for me.

God bless all!

- Msgr. Paul Enke.

P.S. If you would like a sign of hope, please note the blooms of violets outside our office doors, the daffodils emerging and the forsythia around town.

From Bishop Brennan this morning "we simply cannot allow access to the Church or other parish buildings. Even more importantly, we need to do everything we can to urge people to stay at home these next few weeks. This is not about closing churches but really about urging you to remain home."