

March 18, 2020

Updates from the Pastor

- Per my communication with you earlier this week, public masses are suspended, but our church will remain open for private prayer from the hours of **7:30 AM – 8:00 PM** daily and weekends.
- There will be a link on our website for a daily mass through our webmaster, eCatholic. Masses are broadcast several times a day from Irondale, Alabama on Eternal Word Television Network (EWTN) Optimum channels 68/135 or Verizon FiOS channel 285. Also, Masses from Long Island are recorded on Catholic Faith Network (CFN) Optimum channels 29/137 or Verizon FiOS channel 296. In addition, St. Patrick's Cathedral in NYC offers daily Mass on their website.
- The Rectory Office is open (M-F regular hours, closed Saturday until further notice) but we are asking you to please limit visiting us in person, if possible. Please call us for Mass cards or other relevant liturgical business. (973.427.1478)
- Our food pantry will continue to operate in this time of increased need for our community. Please call the rectory office (973.427.1478) and we will arrange for you to pick up food at scheduled times.
- St. Anthony Parish School is closed for 2 weeks (March 16-27). Our dedicated teachers and staff will be conducting classes remotely for our students. The School's Annual Tricky Tray has been rescheduled to Thursday, May 21, details will be sent directly to ticket holders.
- Religious Education classes (grades K-7) have been cancelled for the next 2 weeks (March 15-27). Our next confirmation class is scheduled for March 29th, any further changes will be communicated directly to the participants.

Preventative Maintenance:

- We are following CDC guidelines for cleaning of all parish facilities.

Stewardship:

We are thankful for your weekly stewardship. We are anticipating significantly lower weekly collections over the next few weeks, maybe longer. We would like to remain fiscally stable and encourage you to consider the following options to help us meet our financial obligations. We realize some of you may have your own financial difficulties, as well, and are asking for whatever support you can give.

- Consider an Electronic Giving Option, we have many parishioners who use these services free of charge already. If you are interested, please visit our parish website, <https://stanthony-hawthorne.org> and click the Online Giving link on our HOME page to set up a one time or recurring donation. Please contact Donna Mallory at finance@stanthonyschool.org or call 973.427.1478 if you need assistance.
- Consider mailing in your weekly envelopes.
- Consider using online bill payment services provided free by most banks. Many of our parishioners use these services regularly by setting up weekly or monthly automatic payments via a bank check sent through the mail to St. Anthony's. Please indicate your envelope # in the Memo section of this online payment.