

**In the Diocese of Manchester, Mass is no longer available to the general public until further notice.**

**From Msgr. Quinn  
Regarding Weekend Liturgies**

We are all monitoring the events and information regarding the COVID-19 Virus. The Bishop, the President and our Governor have now all requested the cooperation of the American people that gatherings of more than 10 people are to be suspended so as not to spread this very contagious virus.

**People have been asking for Bishop Libasci's personal directive regarding Sunday Mass attendance. Here is his answer as announced on Tuesday, March 17... St. Patrick's Day: *"Given the serious nature of the pandemic and the fact Mass will not be available to the general public, the obligation is impossible to fulfill and so it is automatically lifted and cannot be binding. This is the official teaching of the Church."***

Our focus must be, first and foremost, the health, and well-being of all our parishioners.

I will continue to celebrate Masses but they will not be opened to the public. I will be celebrating Masses on your behalf privately in order to satisfy the intentions that have been requested and to meet my obligation to say a Sunday Mass for the People of the Parish.

While this is a drastic and unprecedented move, it will serve to allow all pastors to fulfill the directives of the Bishop that Masses and the Eucharist continue to be celebrated for the intentions of all the faithful and especially for the sick, while also remaining compliant with the firm directives set forth by our Bishop, the President and the CDC to suspend gatherings of more than 10 people.

**THE CHURCH WILL BE OPEN FROM 6 AM TO 6 PM DAILY** for people to come to pray before the Blessed Sacrament. We ask all who come into the church to practice "social distancing" so as to keep each other healthy.