

March 23, 2020

Dear Parishioners:

We are living in trying times. How we react to our new circumstances will tell us a great deal about ourselves. Later, when this is over—and it will be over—we will look back and see ourselves in a mirror. When we look into that mirror, weeks from now, I hope we will be able to say that we were people who were kind and generous to each other rather than fearful and mistrusting.

There is a grace that comes from a moment such as this. Everything we took for granted comes to a halt. What we thought would always be is no longer there. The patterns of our lives change, and we begin to form new and better patterns of living. *A moment such as this is a grace to change our lives for the better.*

If you find yourself in need or just need someone to talk to, you can reach me through this parish office number (860-217-9301). I continue to celebrate Mass for you every day, early in the morning.

Please stay connected with the St. Mary's parish community by joining us every day for a celebration of the **Liturgy of the Word**. You will find the video for each day's Liturgy at the top of our Web Page (www.stmarysimsbury.org)

Father Matera