

Dear Parishioners of Sacred Heart Church,

Yesterday afternoon, I was informed by a representative of the Burlington County Health Department that a person who attended 11:30 Mass on Sunday, March 8 at Sacred Heart has tested positive for the Coronavirus. According to HIPAA regulations, in order to protect the identity and the privacy of the individual, I have no other information about the individual. I was told that, at that time, they were not aware of any illness, that they did not touch, kiss or hug anyone while at that Mass and that the risk of infection from that person while at that Mass is very low.

All people are advised that if you believe that you might have been exposed to the Coronavirus and are experiencing mild symptoms and are medically stable, you should remain at home and self-isolate from all others until you have been fever-free for 72 hours. If you are experiencing more severe symptoms or need further medical evaluation, please contact your primary care physician or emergency room. Do **not** arrive unannounced.

I will surely inform you any further development in this and all other pertinent matters to any extent that I can. I am praying for all of you and ask that we continue to pray for each other.

May the Sacred Heart of Jesus, our Good Shepherd, protect and guide us through this valley of darkness and lead us to a place of goodness, light and peace.

God bless you,

Father John