



## **A Pastoral Message from Monsignor Darcy**

Dear Parishioners and Friends of St. Margaret's

My prayerful support and remembrance as we face this very serious coronavirus pandemic. Every one of us must heed the guidelines presented by national, state, municipal, and diocesan officials. Bishop Tobin has cancelled all Masses and religious services until further notice to help contain transmission of the virus. Updates will be posted on our parish website ([stmargarechurch.org](http://stmargarechurch.org)).

I have contacted a cleaning company to perform an initial "deep cleaning" of the Church. It is imperative for everyone to practice personal and social hygiene etiquette. If you have any cold, flu or unusual ear, nose or throat concerns, out of Christian charity, please do not come to church or school.

Our Lenten practices of the rosary, Scripture reading, personal devotions, and telephone calls to the sick, elderly, or single person households should be intensified during this health emergency. Many devotional sites are available on line. Go to [dioceseofprovidence.org](http://dioceseofprovidence.org) for many helpful spiritual practices.

We pray for those who are sick at home or in the hospital, who serve the community in necessary occupations, and who are so impassioned to develop a vaccine for this world health crisis. Christian charity is the foundation of our life of faith. Our unity in prayer, concern, and sacrifice for each other merely reflects who we are as the Church. We are One in Christ.

With prayers, encouragement and affection,

Monsignor Darcy