
SAINT MARK

The Evangelist



March 20, 2020

Dear St. Mark's Community:

As noted in Fr. Mike's March 17th letter to the Parish, effective immediately we are temporarily suspending all publicly celebrated Masses. While this is a step that no one wanted to take, it is a necessary step in order to ensure we're doing our part to contain the spread of the Coronavirus in compliance with the President's directive. It is also a decision that has the potential to put a significant financial strain on all of us, including our family at St. Mark's.

As we communicated to the Parish last Fall, it takes approximately \$10,000/week to fund our operations and, thanks to your generosity, our weekly collections have kept pace with this requirement. Presently, approximately \$3,000 out of the \$10,000 weekly need comes through our on-line giving portal, WeShare. The remaining \$7,000 is collected through the weekly in-person offering. This potentially puts that portion of our weekly collection at risk since we are not celebrating Mass in person.

While we have limited short term "emergency" cash reserves available to help support the needs of St. Mark's during this very difficult and uncertain time, we need everyone to try and continue with their ongoing financial support in order to sustain the operations of the Parish and take care of Fr. Mike and the staff. This will help ensure that we can resume all the vibrant activity taking place at St. Mark's as soon as this unprecedented situation is resolved.

As a Finance Council we are asking all of you to consider the following until such time as we are able to resume our normal publicly held Mass schedule:

- For those who typically leave their weekly offering in the Church provided envelopes, please mail your envelope to: St. Mark the Evangelist; 1 South Road; Londonderry, NH 03053.
- For those who typically leave their weekly offering in the form of cash, please utilize the WeShare giving portal (at least temporarily) to continue contributing the weekly amount you typically give or consider writing a check and mail it to the address above.
 - The WeShare portal can be accessed directly through the St. Mark's website (www.stmarksnh.org).
- For those who are already giving through the WeShare portal, please continue with your on-line weekly contributions.
- For those of you who may be impacted by loss of income or hardship, we understand and are here for you if needed. We are all in this together and we will help each other through this difficult time.

Thank you in advance for your ongoing support, we are available at any time to answer any questions.

God bless,

St. Mark's Finance Council

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