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Dear Parish Family,

I am sure many of you remember September 11—the horrors and the devastation of life our country suffered years ago. What happened on that day is still fresh in our minds and seems just like yesterday. Churches were packed after it happened. We turned to the Lord for peace, strength, wisdom and purpose. We were devastated by the horrors, and in spite of the evils of that day, Jesus hugged us with crowded parking lots, packed pews and caring parishioners.

We face again an enemy of global proportion in the Coronavirus. The enemy not only impacted us but also the whole world. It has precipitated fear and panic to many of us. And worst of all, this enemy causes us to be deprived of the one place where we could have found comfort, solace, and strength to fight it: the Church and the Sacraments. Instead of a crowded church, there are just many empty pews. But what it cannot rob from us is our strong faith in God. We may be deprived of gathering together to celebrate and receive the Holy Eucharist, but we can still hold on to our faith in God. We are definitely in a different place this week than we were a month ago. Let us walk together and pray together. As Jesus instructed us so well!

Peace,

Fr Dwight