

# *A LETTER TO OUR PARISHIONERS*

My Dear Friends,

Pax Vobis and Greetings from a safe Social Distance from Fr. Patrick and all of us here at the Rectory! Separately but together we are all trying to navigate these uncharted waters as we try to reconfigure our lives to keep moving forward! Much Gratitude to all those who support by their prayers and contributions the spiritual and temporal needs of our Church and their neighbors around us!

I think we can all agree that this has been a difficult time! And in difficult times, the Lord calls us to Himself as our Source of comfort. He says in the Psalms:

Since he clings to me in love, I will free him;  
protect him for he knows my name.  
When he calls I shall answer: "I am with you,"  
I will save him in distress and give him glory. (Psalm 91:14-15).

God comforts us with His words from Scripture. But in Park Ridge, we have the special gift in Msgr. Turro, whose gift of powerful pithiness has inspired us here for generations! After I asked him, "If you could put anything up on a billboard for the people to read, what would you put up?" He told me in his Turro-esque way:

Trust in God.

Msgr. Turro has gone through many World Wars, the Great Depression, 9/11 – he has gone through some of the worst events of the last century. And how did this great man survive them all? God is real! God loves us! He wants to take care of us! And so, I offer to you the words of the esteemed Monsignor: Trust in God!

May God bless you, our Lady of Mercy keep you, and St. Joseph pray for you!

In XC,  
Fr. Patrick (and Msgr. Turro)