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At this time, ALL Masses, Rel. Ed., Bible Studies, and activities are cancelled until mid-April when the situation will be re-evaluated.

If you are comfortable with EMAIL, please email the Parish your name & current email address. We have some, but not all who use email.

For updates and pertinent presentations and information, please visit our Face Book page. Search for 'St Patricks Lebanon'.

Check our website for bulletin, FB feed, Diocesan updates, etc.

Watch for updates on online giving. We encourage you to give what you can during this time, as the Church will continue her ministries. Until online giving is up and running, please mail your monthly contribution to:

St. Patrick's Parish, N5705 Cty Rd. T, New London, WI 54961.

From the staff, please know that you are in our prayers. Please pray for us. Stay safe and stay healthy in these unprecedented times. We are available for any needs via email (stpatrickslebanon@charter.net), or phone (920-982-5475). Messages will be checked daily.

Click on Diocesan website for COVID-19 updates, letters, and directives from the Bishop. search "Diocese of Green Bay"

Fr. John will be live streaming Masses. Check back via social media for updates and links. To participate in daily Mass, watch 'Mass from Bishop Barron's Chapel'

Your Contributions for 3/14 & 3/15: Envelopes: \$1105.00, Offertory: \$235.05, Easter: \$125.00.

LifeTouch Pictorial Directory – SAVE THE DATES – Photos will be taken May 18-19, 2020. The last parish directory was published in 2005. It is time to update! Watch for more information soon.

COUNCIL MEMBERS NEEDED: No one wants to stretch themselves anymore, because we all have very full plates! However, we are in need of people to step up to volunteer to be on the councils. This is what keeps this parish maintained. It's a two year commitment with six meetings a year. Please pray about volunteering to be put on the ballot for either the Pastoral Council or the Finance Council. Thank you for your consideration, and let Barbara Tate know of your interest. The ballots will be presented in May.

World's Poor Collection - The collection provides each of us with an opportunity to change lives for over 1.4 billion people living in poverty in this country and abroad. The four agencies represented in this collection are official church agencies that work to help the poor and displaced. You will have a choice to contribute to any one or all.

The Campaign for Human Development supports programs to empower people to identify and address the obstacles they face as they work to lift themselves out of poverty. Your support of this collection, gives people a hand up not a hand out.

Catholic Relief Services supports six Catholic agencies as they provide food to the hungry, support to displaced refugees, and advocate for peace and justice. They serve some of the most vulnerable populations at home and abroad. Please answer your call to help Jesus in disguise.

Peter's Pence - Be a witness of Charity. This collection is an opportunity to share in the merciful outreach of Pope Francis. Please join together with our brothers and sisters in faith around the world to provide a little more mercy into the lives of those who hunger and thirst, strangers and prisoners, the marginalized and the outcast, the victims of oppression and violence.

Pastoral Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa help people across Africa grow close to Christ and the Church. People are flocking to join the church, and dioceses are not equipped to respond to their needs. With your support, they can.

We will wait to forward any donations received for these causes as late as mid-May. Mail them in with your monthly contributions.

Excerpt from Rev. James Martin SJ, Jesuit Priest, article Faith in the Time of Coronavirus 3/13/2020:

Pray: Catholic Churches around the world are closing, with Masses and other parish services cancelled by many bishops. These are prudent and necessary measures designed to keep people healthy. But they come at some cost. For many people, this removes one of the most consoling parts of their lives—the Mass and the Eucharist—and isolates them even more from the community at a time when they most need support. What can one do instead? Well, there are many televised and livestreamed Masses available, as well as ones broadcast on the radio. But even if you can't find one, you can pray on your own. When you do, remember that you're still part of a community. There is also the longstanding tradition in our church of receiving a "spiritual communion," when, if you cannot participate in the Mass in person, you unite yourself with God in prayer. And be creative. You can meditate on the Sunday Gospel on your own, consult a Bible commentary about the readings, gather your family to talk about the Gospel or call friends and share your experiences of how God is present to you, even in the midst of a crisis. The persecuted Christians in the early church prayed and shared their faith in the catacombs, and we can do the same. Remember that Jesus said, "Where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them" (Mt. 18:20). Remember too that the church is not a building. It is the community.

