



St. Thomas the Apostle Parish

March 17, 2020
Feast of St. Patrick

To My Fellow Parishioner:

I am writing to you as we are currently living in a time that is unique personally, as a country and as a global reality. It seems circumstances are changing hourly. It is a time of nervousness and uncertainty. But as we live through this uncertainty, one thing is certain.

What is certain is the financial impact this situation is already having on our parish. With the cancellation of three of our 'Fish on Friday' events, our main fundraiser, we lost close to \$15,000. With no Masses scheduled into the near future, our operating income has become non-existent.

We still have monthly expenses whether the doors of our Church or Parish Center are open or closed. Our monthly operating expenses average around \$31,000. Most of these expenses are for utilities, salaries, our mortgage, insurance, employee benefits, Diocesan and school assessments, building maintenance and supplies, etc. Most of these expenses are fixed with little ability to adjust these bills.

With our monthly expenses averaging \$31,000, and with little or no income, one can see how quickly it will deplete our savings, leaving us on the brink of bankruptcy. Therefore, I am asking you to support our parish. I am asking those who regularly attend and support our parish financially to continue to do so. For those who do not contribute or attend on a regular basis, I challenge you, in this time of local and national call to unity, to unite once again with your faith community. Your recommitment and support of St. Thomas the Apostle Parish is not only vital to you but also to the whole community. Please consider reaching out to your parish family in this time of need for all of us. Your financial support is needed.

I whole heartedly suggest everyone consider electronic giving. You can sign up for it on our webpage at theapostlethomas.com. Look for and click on the tab: [myeoffering](#). You can also mail in your contribution through the USPS, or drop off your contribution by placing it in the parish mailbox by the entrance doors to the parish center.

I thank you for your understanding in this critical time for all of us.

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