

# SCAM ALERT



## **PARISHIONERS PLEASE BE AWARE**

If you ever receive a text or email asking for your help which appears to be from one of our priests or staff members, please **DO NOT REPLY** to it. Delete it immediately and contact the Parish Office at **(724) 935-2104** or **(724) 266-6565**.

These emails can be very convincing. They will typically appear to come from one of our priests. They will address the recipient by name and will ask for assistance. If you reply, the sender will usually ask you to purchase gift cards and send them photos of the numbers on the card. **NONE OF OUR PRIESTS OR STAFF WILL EVER ASK YOU TO DO SOMETHING LIKE THIS.** These emails are coming from criminals who are using the names of our priests to gain your trust in order to steal from you.

If you receive one of these messages and are not sure what to do, **ALWAYS** contact the Parish Office at **(724) 935-2104** or **(724) 266-6565** before replying to the message. If you have already replied to them, or even if you have spent your money on gift cards and sent them the numbers, please call the office and let us know. It is also advisable to contact your credit card company if applicable. In the case of *Apple* or *iTunes* gift cards, calling **800-275-2273** may allow them to block the criminals from accessing the funds, and possibly issue you a refund.