



## A Special Note from Fr. John

Please know that our clergy and staff continue to actively serve our parish grouping during the Corona crisis. Although public Masses have been cancelled, our priests each offer their private Masses daily for the special and general intentions of our faith community. Our staff remains in touch with the diocese to stay current on the latest guidance. We are also arranging whatever sacramental and devotional services we can and keeping our facilities in good working order.

We support the public health directives from all levels of our civil government in planning for and conducting our religious services and other programs. Our parishioners continue to be our strength in sharing God's word and love despite the challenges we may face for the near future.

**You can help** by continuing to pray for the spiritual and physical health of our communities and to financially support our parish grouping.

Due to Mass cancellations, donations have dwindled but we continue to rely on parishioner's generosity to fund our parish grouping. Some have been sending in their donations, for which we are most grateful. However, we have had to furlough employees across the grouping for those ministries that are not currently operational. We have also had to reduce hours and wages for the remaining parish staffs by 40% for the time being. The Corona crisis has financially strained many people due to temporary business closures and quarantining. We understand that and ask only that you donate what you can, however you can. For example, your usual envelope donations would be ideal or you could simply donate what you might have spent at one of our Fish Fry's.

Here are the details for some ways you can donate now:

- Mail in your weekly collection envelopes (we're still processing mail as usual):
  - Nativity Church, 5811 Curry Rd., Pittsburgh 15236
  - St. Gabriel Church, 5200 Greenridge Dr., Pittsburgh 15236
  - St. Germaine Church, 7003 Baptist Rd., Bethel Park 15102
  - St. Valentine Church, 2710 Ohio St., Bethel Park 15102
- Create an automatic "bill-pay" if your bank has online banking. The bank sends a check directly from your account to the church you choose. There are no additional fees to process your payment. All you need is the church address.
- Parishioners of Nativity, St. Gabriel and St. Valentine also have the option of donating online directly to their parish by visiting their websites:
  - Nativity = <http://nativitysouthpark.org> (top right of page, click "Donate Now")
  - St. Gabriel = <https://stgabespg.org> (click the homepage icon titled "Online Giving")
  - St. Valentine = <https://www.stvals.org> (scroll to bottom left of homepage, click "Donate")

May God bless and keep you safe. I look forward to seeing you all in the pews soon.

Gratefully in Christ,

Fr. John Skirtich  
Administrator