

Dear Parishioners of St. Paul Parish:

May the Peace of Christ be with you!

Effective March 17th, Archbishop Blair has cancelled ALL weekend and weekday Masses through April 3, 2020. In part, the statement reads as follows:

“The Archdiocese of Hartford has cancelled all weekend and weekday Masses, effective Tuesday, March 17, 2020, in the churches of the Archdiocese (the counties of Hartford, Litchfield, and New Haven) through April 3, 2020. Priests will celebrate a daily Mass alone with no congregation, remembering in prayer all who are affected by the pandemic. Parishes will be encouraged to make provision for their churches to be open at some time so that individuals can still come and pray. Further direction and updates from the Archdiocese will be provided in a timely manner regarding Holy Week and all celebrations beyond that date.”

While the public celebration of Masses has been canceled, please know that Frs. Michael, Raymond and myself will continue to offer Mass privately, and all of the Mass intentions that have been requested will be satisfied.

In addition, the Archdiocese has indicated that additional information and clarification regarding guidelines for Sacramental activity within parishes will be forthcoming. When we have that information, we will share it with you. This may effect the celebration of baptisms, weddings, funerals, and other liturgical events. While we await that guidance, Mercy Mondays will continue. The church will also be open for private prayer.

If you or a family member is in need of the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, the Friars should still be called and we will minister to you or them. Please call the office (860-828-0331) or send one of us an email: frjoseph@stpaulkensington.org or frmichael@stpaulknesington.org.

[Click here](#) for the full statement.

Let us continue to entrust ourselves in prayer for each other especially those who contracted the virus, those that are most vulnerable, as well as those who are most frightened. Let us exercise charity for our relatives, neighbors, and brothers and sisters in Christ who need our assistance while also being prudent in caring for ourselves and them.

**O holy Mother of God; despise not our petitions in our necessities,
but deliver us from all dangers, O glorious and blessed Virgin Mary. Amen.
May the Divine assistance remain always with us!**

Peace and All Good,

Fr. Joe