

Message from our Clergy Team in the Wake of COVID-19

Dear Parish Family Members of Christ the Divine Shepherd,

The events of the past few weeks have caused a variety of reactions in us all – concern, anxiety, uncertainty – but also a greater resolve to turn to prayer, to trust in God and to act in charity toward one another. Please know that we are praying for you at this difficult time!

Bishop Zubik's decision to cancel all public Masses in the diocese was a difficult one, especially since we know that we all find comfort and solace in the Mass and in the Eucharist. Although we're unable to gather as a parish family at this time, please keep in mind that there are ways we can continue to participate in the Sacrifice of the Mass: Catholic TV and radio media outlets ([EWTN](#), [Christian Associates TV](#), our own [diocesan website](#) and others) are streaming the videos of Masses on the internet, and broadcasting them on TV and radio. In addition, although public Masses have been suspended, please know that the priests of our parish continue to say private Masses and are praying for all of us! (If you have a Mass intention on our current schedule, and you'd like one of the priests of the parish to celebrate your Mass intention privately, please send us an email at bulletin@cdsmp.org, and we'll be sure to fulfill your Mass and let you know when we've done so! On the other hand, if you'd like to be present for your Mass intention, please be assured that we'll reach out to the parish community once public Masses are restored, and we'll work with you to reschedule your Mass intention!)

Following the recommendations of the diocese, we've closed our offices. If you need to get in touch with us, please call our office at 412-373-0050 and leave a message for Sandy – we'll return your call as soon as possible!

Some of our church buildings remain open for private prayer – please keep an eye on our website (CDSMPH.org) and our Facebook page, and we'll update you with the status of the availability of these resources! We're also working on implementing the diocese's recommendations on how we might provide access to the Sacrament of

Reconciliation. Although our plans aren't finalized, we'll announce our schedule on our website, Facebook page and future bulletins.

We continue to pray for each and every one of you and for your families! Please keep all of us in prayer, as well!

Blessings,
Fr Al, Fr Thom, Fr Rick, Fr Faustine, and Fr Larry