

# ST. JOHN NEUMANN PARISH-CANTON

## COVID-19 EMERGENCY PARISH RESPONSE UPDATE:

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St. John Neumann Parish

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### SJN COVID-19 Emergency Response Update as of 3/16/2020

Thank you for your patience as we implement a responsive parish plan that is compliant with archdiocesan and state mandates with regard to the COVID-19 emergency response.

All Masses and liturgies are suspended at this time.

As of today, the following are important church continuity measures that you should know:

1. Temporary CHURCH and PARISH OFFICE HOURS:  
Monday 8-12 noon  
Tuesday 4-8 pm  
Wednesday 8-12 noon  
Thursday 4-8 pm  
Friday 8-12 noon

CHURCH will be open but Parish Office will be closed on Saturday & Sunday:

Saturday 3-4 pm for Confessions Only

Sunday 8-1 pm Priests will be available for individual and under 50 total number of people on church property for prayer.

2. Parish Events:  
All scheduled ministry events such as: Men's Prayer Breakfast, Alpha, Lenten Suppers, Food Pantry, Neumann's Needlers to name a few are cancelled.
3. Meetings, Gatherings and In Classroom Instruction:  
All parish volunteer and ministry and staff-related meetings and gatherings are cancelled. In classroom Religious Ed and Youth Ministry lessons are canceled. Please stay connected with Mary Alice Hurst (for K to 6), Emily Showler and Marie Veillette (for Middle School, High School Youth Ministry and Young Adult) lesson questions.

Priests will be able to have one-on-one meetings with only one individual each time within the Monday through Friday open church and office hours times. All group gatherings and meetings are cancelled.

More than 2 (two) individuals meeting at a time is considered a group in which case this gathering or meeting cannot take place.

4. Funeral Services:  
Contact the Front Office for funerals. Funeral services will be limited to 50 (fifty) total individuals within the funeral service. This 50 count includes the clergy, staff & sacristans and funeral ministry volunteers; and guests and mourners. In compliance with the current governor's executive order, the maximum number of a 50 head count for any gathering is strictly enforced. There will be no funeral luncheons at this time.
5. Eucharistic Adoration:  
Eucharistic Adoration is suspended during this time. Following the archdiocesan mandate, distribution of the Holy Eucharist is also suspended.
6. Staying Connected:  
As mandates and rules regarding the COVID-19 pandemic change so will our response to Church ways and process. Your and our staff's health and safety are in the forefront of our minds. We are finding alternative ways to keep you connected to Fr. Paul and Fr. Mark so that there may be supplemental avenues for them to remotely minister to you while staying within the bounds of the archdiocesan and state safety mandates. There will be a follow-up communication regarding this supplemental plan.  
We will keep the SJN website updated with any changes and new information updates.  
We also suggest that you connect to social media on the *St. John Neumann Roman Catholic Church* Facebook page for faster access to updates as they occur.
7. Sunday Giving and Contributions:

We have had inquiries regarding how to continue giving the Sunday envelopes and weekly contributions. On line giving is the safest and best way for you to continue to support St. John Neumann. You may give at any time on line via the SJN website home page, it is very quick and easy to do.

For cash or check contributions please do continue to stop by the parish office during the temporary office times that are mentioned in this memo:

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A parish staff member will be in the office to accept your contributions. Now more than ever, St. John Neumann needs your continued financial support so that our church can resume normal ministry and operations smoothly once the COVID-19 crisis is over. Apart from handling this short moment in time as best as we can, we are praying for everyone's continued physical and spiritual health.

However, we need you to help sustain us through this uncertain time so that we may return to parish life as we know it, with as little disruption as possible. Thank you once again for supporting St. John Neumann!