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LOOKING AHEAD AS A PARISH

DURING THE CORONAVIRUS HEALTH EMERGENCY

As we are all very much aware, the present health emergency is evolving by the day. Nonetheless, for the foreseeable future, please be mindful of the following:

All public celebrations of Mass, the Sacraments and other religious services are suspended until further notice.

All gatherings in our parish hall, including religious education classes, social events and support groups (e.g. A. A. and Bereavement) are cancelled.

The parish offices in the rectory are closed to the public. Terri King, our parish administrator, is able to conduct necessary parish business by phone or email.

Father Steven will continue to offer Mass in the church privately at various times without the presence of a congregation. Included in these are Masses for which there is an intention for the living or the deceased. If you wish to change the date for a future Mass intention, given the present situation, you are most welcome to do so. Simply contact Terri at the rectory.

Baptisms may be scheduled. However, no more than ten (10) individuals may be present.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) may be scheduled upon request. Simply contact Father Steven

At this time we would foresee that Funerals would be arranged in the following manner given the present gathering restrictions: A burial service at the cemetery with an appropriate/permitted number in attendance. At a later date: A Memorial Mass in the presence of family, friends and loved ones, once the present restrictions on public gatherings are lifted.

In addition, we would kindly request the following of our parishioners:

- + Please help us reach out to individuals in our parish who are at risk of isolation. We do not want these parishioners to be abandoned. Please contact the parish office if you have any concerns.
- + Announcements and updates will be made by means of the parish website and Facebook page. If you are not linked to either, please consider doing so. Kindly share information with those who are not internet connected.
- + The parish depends on the financial support of our parishioners. If you do not use direct deposit donations to the parish, please consider mailing in offertory envelopes weekly. We must assure, insofar as possible that the parish continues to pay its bills and meets its financial obligations.