

## **June 30, 2020**

All Saints Parish is warning parishioners to be on alert, and not fall victim, to an ongoing scam that has popped up once again at parishes throughout the Diocese of Scranton.

On Friday, June 26, 2020, individuals reported receiving an “urgent request” text message from someone claiming to be the pastor asking that the recipients buy gift cards.

The parish reminds everyone if you are ever concerned about a message that you receive, whether by text message or email, verify it before you take any action.

In the instances reported this week, the bogus text message asked each recipient to purchase a gift card for a cancer victim on behalf of the pastor. This request is fake and should be considered a scam.

Additional reminders for the public to not fall victims to a scam include:

- Don't click on any links or open attachments in unsolicited texts or emails
- Be extremely cautious when dealing with anyone you've only met by social media or text message if you don't know who they are
- Don't be pressured to act immediately