



**ST. MARY MAGDALEN PARISH**  
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WILMINGTON, DELAWARE 19803

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March 25, 2020

The Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord

Dear Parishioners,

I continue to be saddened that I am not able to celebrate the sacraments with you as a community. But I remain close to you in prayer and I remember you at all the Masses that I celebrate. Please join me in prayers of gratitude and through Mary's intercession join me in invoking her protection for the many hospital workers, emergency medical personnel, doctors, nurses, law enforcement, pharmacy and grocery store staff and all the many people that remain out in the workforce during this epidemic. Join me in prayer also for all teachers who are working tirelessly, to keep their students up-to-date and educated. Continue to stay close to the Saint Mary Magdalen Community by frequent visits to our website which is [www.smmchurch.org](http://www.smmchurch.org) and by frequent visits to our Facebook page. Those are being updated as frequently as possible.

I am appealing to the whole parish once again because of my deepening concerns regarding parish finances. When the school building closed and, when I furloughed all of our other employees, I assured them that they would all continue to be paid. And with every fiber of my being I intend to make good on that promise. However, I can only accomplish that with your generous assistance. I know that the present state of "lockdown" makes things very challenging, but I ask you – I beg you – to please continue to contribute to our parish offertory. We will all be blessed if we work together and stay together and keep our parish spiritually as well as fiscally sound.

In addition to the traditional manner of dropping an envelope in the basket (which is obviously impossible to do at the moment) there are other ways to continue to contribute. If it is convenient, please mail your envelope to the parish or drop it the black mailbox located to the right of our office door. It is also possible to setup automatic withdraw and we now also have on-line giving available through our website. I am very grateful for your swift response to this important appeal. I know that I can always depend on the wonderful people of this parish!

I ask you to keep our parish community in your prayers as I will keep you and your families in mine. May our Lady of Wilmington watch over us and protect us.

God bless us all,

*Father Kirk*

PS – Please feel free to contact me directly for any reason – 302.652.6800 Extension 112 or via email – [smmkirk@smmchurch.org](mailto:smmkirk@smmchurch.org)

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