

Transforming Lives for Jesus Christ

March 20, 2020

Dear St. Hilary Parishioners,

We would first like to thank you for your support of the decisions and changes we've needed to make in light of the Coronavirus preventative measures. This is not easy for us as a parish community, but together we will get through this.

We wanted to provide you with updates regarding Office Hours, Faith Direct and Offertory Contributions, and our Facebook Live Masses.

Church Building For Private Visiting:

Due to an understandable lack of activity as people successfully observe the Governors orders for social distancing, and for your safety, the church building will only be open for visitation Monday – Friday from 9:30 am – Noon. Fr. Steve or Fr. Matt will be on hand for your special requests at that time. Please ring the bell at the office entrance to speak to one of them. Outside of those times the priests can be reached via 330-867-1055, x 207 for Father Matt, and x 204 for Fr. Steve, or the parish emergency line: 330-606-0914.

Church Office Hours:

To comply with social distancing, the **Church Office will be closed to the public effective Monday, March 23**rd **through April 13**th. Church staff will be working on an abbreviated basis in the office and also working remotely from home. We can take care of many of your needs via e-mail or by phone. You can call the Parish Office and leave a voice mail at 330-867-1055. Staff will also be retrieving e-mails during this time. Staff e-mails are available on the Church website.

Communication:

As we move through this pandemic, we will continue to communicate with you on a regular basis via e-mail blasts and postings on our website. www.sthilarychurch.org

Faith Direct & Offertories:

Offertory Contributions can be mailed to the Parish Office. We also encourage you to register with Faith Direct to contribute using online giving. *To sign up, CLICK HERE*. *You can learn more about Faith Direct giving by clicking here*. Our annual Holy Thursday Collection is very important for the Hunger Programs it supports. We ask that you read the bulletin for more information on this special collection and how to contribute. Thank you for your continued generosity!

Facebook Live Masses:

Due to all publicly celebrated Masses being suspended until Easter Monday, we will be providing you with the opportunity to celebrate Mass with us through live streaming! We will be live streaming Mass at 9 a.m. every day, Monday-Sunday, on our Facebook page. We will also be live streaming Stations of the Cross on Friday evenings at 7 p.m. To help guide you through stations, we have St. Alphonsus Liguori Stations of the Cross books that can be picked up in a bin right outside the Parish Office entrance. You DO NOT need to have Facebook to watch! To watch, visit <u>sthilarychurch.org/live</u> for links to the live videos OR visit our Facebook page at 9 a.m. each day. All recordings will be available on our website as well as on Facebook through the week. Please share with others, and let's celebrate Mass together—online!

Please stay safe and healthy during this pandemic. Our prayers are with all of you!

God bless, and see you all soon! St. Hilary Parish Staff