

March 20, 2020

Dear Parishioners of Sacred Heart, Clifton Heights and St. Charles Borromeo, Drexel Hill,

We are living in such precarious times. In light of this pandemic, Archbishop Perez has suspended all Public Masses and services in our Churches as of March 18, 2020 until further notice. In addition, all parish activities are postponed until further notice. It makes sense to ensure greater health and safety for all.

So we need to heed the advice of the health and government officials to stay home and be safe to prevent the spread of this infection, especially if you are sick.

Here are a few suggestions for your spiritual journey during this unusual Lent:

-Pray every day. Have a Family Rosary, do the Stations of the Cross, and reading the Scriptures for each day (see the usccb website for the daily and Sunday readings and other suggestions). Please consider joining Meghan Cokeley, Director of the Archdiocesan Office for the New Evangelization, for the online Rosary Campaign for the End of the Coronavirus every night at 8 PM. It is a powerful way to ask the miraculous intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary to put an end to the coronavirus. **Please go to the link:** [zoom.us/j/494480541...](https://zoom.us/j/494480541...) by 8:00P.M.each night.

-Sundays: Try to keep Sunday as the Lord's Day and make it holy by praising God by reading over the Readings for that Sunday which you can find on U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops website: [usccb.org](http://usccb.org) In addition, consider viewing Mass by live-streaming the 11AM Mass from the Cathedral-Basilica of Ss. Peter and Paul, Philadelphia with Archbishop Nelson Perez, or viewing Mass on EWTN which has Mass several times a day.

-We priests will be offering Private Mass each day to honor all those requested Mass Intentions. We will be praying for you and your families.

-Sacred Heart and St. Charles Borromeo Churches will be open for private prayer from 8AM to 4PM Monday through Friday.

-The Sacrament of Penance (Confessions) will be offered as listed for Lent. I am working on how we can offer the Sacrament like an outside "Drive Up Confessions" respecting social distancing and privacy. When we are ready, I will post it on the website.

-Keep checking our website for updates and information.

Our Rectory Offices are closed until further notice.

I am grateful for your continuing financial support of our parishes by mailing in your offerings or by using online giving during these difficult times. It truly shows the commitment to the Lord and one another.

Through the intercession of Saint Charles Borromeo and St. Hedwig, may the Sacred Heart of Jesus protect us from harm, heal the sick and end this virus!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Monsignor George A. Majoros, Pastor

Father Joseph S. Zaleski, Priest in Residence