

March 2020

Dear Parishioners of St. Patrick Church,

These are very difficult days for us staying at home and worried about the future. So, Father Jonathan and I are praying for each and everyone of you during these moments of this terrible Coronavirus. I would like to relate to you the latest information about St. Patrick Church as given to us by the Archdiocese of Philadelphia.

-All is cancelled up to Easter Monday, which is April 13, 2020. Therefore, Holy Week will be very different for us this year. So, all Masses and Services during Easter Week will be private and NOT public. So, Palm Sunday Mass will be private, but one will be able to see the Mass since it will be televised. Palm will be distributed at a later date. On Holy Thursday we will have a bilingual Mass at 7 pm as usual but it will be streamed and then one can even see it at a later time. Good Friday services will be held also with streaming and the ability to see it later. The bilingual Easter Vigil will be held at 7 pm also, but again it will be streamed and also able to be seen later. No sacraments will be celebrated at that mass and therefore, these sacraments are postponed until a later date. Easter Sunday Masses will be televised for all to see.

-Since all is cancelled up until Easter Monday, the dates for First Communion and Confirmation are still tentative until we receive information from the Archdiocese. **They are NOT cancelled or postponed yet.**

-St. Patrick Church is open Monday to Friday from 8 am until 9 am, on Saturday from 4 pm until 7 pm. Sunday it is opened from 8 am to 1 pm. The Church is open for private prayer and Eucharistic Adoration.

-Eucharistic Adoration is no longer able to be held in private chapels as in the Sacristy of the Church. However, we will still continue to have Eucharistic Adoration during Mass times in the actual, larger Church.

-Confessions will continue to be celebrated while the Church is open during the times listed above.

-Father Jonathan and I will continue to celebrate Mass both in English and Spanish everyday until we return to normal.

-We will continue to celebrate funerals, weddings and baptisms but with a limited number of people present. However, one may postpone this event until further notice.

Thank you for your patience and love. Please pray for your priests and religious sisters. May Our Lady of Knock watch over us during these difficult days.

In Christ,

Father Gus