

April 9, 2020

Dear Parishioners,

My heart-felt Easter greetings to you and your family! I hope you and your loved ones have kept well during the virus epidemic so far. God is merciful. Pray that anything like this never happens again within our lifetimes. Easter is about that Supreme and Abiding Joy of God's Gift of Everlasting Life when this life is past.

It is strange for me to be celebrating Masses day after day without a congregation. But celebrate it I do! Mass is always Someone to celebrate, because of Christ's Sufferings, Death, and Resurrection for our salvation. I am running out of private Mass intentions. You may call the rectory (570-695-3648) to make arrangements for Masses for any deceased loved one, and for "Health and God's Blessings" for certain people. Enclosed is an "Easter Remembrance" Envelope for Masses to be said for celebrating on our Altar all listed names throughout the Easter Season.

I have included with this letter a photocopy of a recent bulletin also posted On-Line at our website, <http://mostblessedtrinity.us> All of us thank God for the Bishop's wisdom and conscientiousness shown in his Coronavirus mandates. My summary of them is in this insert. For the sake of your spiritual health, our Church is open from 9am until 5pm every day. You and your families may make private visits as long as no more than ten people are in the building at one time, AND you are not sick. If you are sick, God is calling you to go to the doctor or to stay home, NOT to pray in Church. There will be NO public Masses until further notice, *(Don't forget to come back once it's all over!)*, no palms on Palm Sunday, or until further notice, and no holy water in the entrance fonts. On the Internet, the Bishop is Streaming Live all his weekend and daily Masses for you (www.ad-today.com).

A special thanks to those of you who are sending to the Parish Office contribution envelopes faithfully filled each week! The Coronavirus has not made our creditors go away. We still have big bills to pay. The Diocese is in the process of setting up On-Line Parish Giving by credit or debit card. Every transaction will cost MBT a slight amount to process. This service will likely be available from Easter Sunday on. When it does begin, the Parish website (see above) will alert you of the link to use and any instruction you need to begin. Envelopes will continue to be used.

This *Triduum* let us pray for the suffering, and the many we have lost because of the Coronavirus. May the LORD bless you, and your family, with the Risen Christ's Gift of Peace!

Sincerely Yours in Christ,

Father Paul
Your Pastor