



March 26, 2020
RE: Financial Update

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As you know, on Monday, March 16, the bishops of Ohio cancelled all public celebrations of the Mass through Easter of this year. This grave action was taken in order to slow the spread of the Coronavirus. We thank the Lord that, due to our renovation several years ago, our parish can livestream our daily Masses. Many of you have participated in this livestreaming, realizing that it is not the same as being there. We pray that this crisis passes quickly, and we can return to normal soon.

Considering our inability to attend Sunday Mass, many parishioners have asked us how they can continue to give their weekly monetary tithe. This question humbles me, because it shows how sacrificial and God-centered our membership is. It also gives the parish financial hope, because we have some fixed costs that are funded solely by the weekend offertory. When the offertory hurts, so does our ability to meet these obligations. I thank each of you for the sacrifices you make in order to financially support our parish when your own personal situation may also be negatively affected.

To answer the question posed, there are several ways a person can continue to give to the parish when not able to attend Mass:

1. Mail in or drop off your offertory envelope with your donation included.
2. Go to our website (joanofarc.org) and click the "Give" button. You can give either a one-time or recurring donation.
3. Lastly, you can send funds directly from your bank account to the parish account—this requires calling Joanne Root (419-866-6181) in the business office.

Again, I thank you for the sacrifices you make to support our parish. Our school continues to operate in an online fashion. Our parish office is running on a minimum crew. We have done what we can to curb all non-essential costs (for example, I made the difficult decision to lay off most of our hourly employees, who we hope to get back to work as quickly as we can; we reduced the heat for both the church and school buildings to the low 50s), but some expenses cannot be avoided.

Please know of my prayers for you and your loved ones in these challenging and uncertain times. Stay healthy and holy. Our Lady of Consolation, pray for us!

Sincerely yours,

Fr. Adam L. Hertzfeld
Pastor