



St. Andrew The Apostle Roman Catholic Church

Office of the Pastor

March 18, 2020

Feast of St. Joseph

Dear Parishioners,

I want to update all of you as to exactly what is happening here at St. Andrew the Apostle. I will break it down according to topic.

Mass Schedule:

The Archbishop has suspended your Sunday obligation. He has requested that **no public mass** be celebrated on weekdays or Sundays until further notice. Please note that I will be offering a private mass daily for the mass intentions and for all of your intentions as well.

Stations of the Cross will no longer be held on Friday evenings until further notice.

Temporary Schedule to close out this week:

**Friday March 20: 6:15-6:45AM Confessions (Behind the screen only!)
6:15AM-8AM (Church open for private prayer)**

**Saturday March 21: 3PM Confessions (Behind the screen only!)
3-4PM Private Adoration (Eucharist exposed)
4PM Eucharistic Procession on Eton St. (Begins/Ends in front of church.)**

*** (Gala Raffle Drawing immediately after Benediction+)**

Sunday March 22: 8AM-11AM Church Open for private prayer.

Emergencies:

If you have a TRUE EMERGENCY, call the parish office and follow the directory. I am always available!

Parish Office:

The parish staff will be working from their homes. If you need assistance, call the office phone during business hours (9AM-3PM) and follow the directory. Someone will get back to you.

School:

School is continuing with "*At Home Learning*". Teachers will remain actively involved providing daily assignments, grading and answering parent/student questions online. The administration will remain in daily contact with all faculty and staff. Our school staff is available for calls. Call the school office and follow the directory if you need assistance. All faculty and staff should not experience a disruption in pay. I do request that parents do their part with parental obligations as regards academic requirements and otherwise. Also, please know that because "*At Home Learning*" is happening, **your children will not have to make up their class days at the end of the school year.** If all obligations (student and parental), this includes financial, are fulfilled, students will receive full credit for the 2019-2020 academic year. Remember, faculty are still getting paid.

School Foundation:

Unfortunately, the School Foundation has taken a major hit financially. So far, we have lost in excess of \$200,000 with the stock market decline.

Gala Fundraiser

Unfortunately, this has been **cancelled**. This will be a major financial set-back for our parish. However, the raffle is continuing and the winner will be drawn this Saturday after the 4PM Eucharistic Procession in front of Church. All "auction" items will be available online for purchase beginning March 21, at 6PM. The online auction will run through April 4. You can bid and view items at www.bidpal.net/sasno. Thank you for your support. Please return all sold and unsold raffle tickets ASAP. They can be placed in the green mailbox on the fence to the right of the Main Entrance gates. I will be checking the mailbox daily.

KC Fish Fry's:

Cancelled until further notice!

Campus:

Given the cancellation of the Gala, cancellation of all Sunday masses, and the huge set-back with the School Foundation, we're doing everything possible to keep expenses down. All future projects are on hold with one exception as our gazebo project was approved by our Pastoral and Finance Councils last year, and the contract was already signed prior to the coronavirus out-break. We have no choice but to move forward with this project. The monies have already been apportioned to this project. As regards utilities, I have already turned off all building chillers, etc., and have directed our maintenance to help reduce our expenses where possible.

Weekly tithes:

You can mail your envelope (or for convenience), you can place it in the mailbox on the fence to the right of the main entrance gates, or you can pay online. As everyone is well aware, these are very difficult times. Prayer and the sacraments are desperately needed. Though, by order of the Archbishop, we are not allowed to have public masses, you can partake of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. I strongly encourage you and your families to do so. **I will be putting out a new schedule that will begin this Monday, March 23, this weekend.** Check our website www.standrewparish.net for updates. We must not lose hope! In time, things will improve. There will be difficult days ahead, but the Holy Spirit and Our Lady will see us through it. Please know of my prayers. Remember, I am offering mass each day for all of your intentions and for our personal and spiritual safety. Please pray for me!

Sincerely in Christ,



V. Rev. John F. Talamo, Jr.
Pastor/Dean