

March 20, 2020

Dear Parishioners of Saint Petronille,

Saint Paul wrote to his parishioners in Thessalonica and I reiterate these words to you:

We give thanks to God always for all of you, remembering you in our prayers, unceasingly calling to mind your work of faith... and labor of love... and endurance in hope of our Lord Jesus Christ, before our God and Father..., knowing that you are loved by God and knowing how you were chosen. For our gospel did not come to you in word alone, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and [with] much conviction.

Although we may be separated by distance or walls, we are united in Jesus Christ whose members we are by virtue of our Baptism. Although this situation is extraordinary, this situation is not unprecedented. For any a number of reasons, Catholics have been separated from the Most Holy Eucharist due to persecution, exile, disease or lack of priests many times throughout the history of the Church. We must, however, never forget these words of Saint Paul:

As a body is one though it has many parts, and all the parts of the body, though many, are one body, so also Christ. For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, slaves or free persons, and we were all given to drink of one Spirit. Now the body is not a single part, but many.

### **LiveStreaming Masses on the Internet**

Saint Petronille will be live streaming our 5:00 pm Mass on Saturdays and our 9:30 am Mass on Sundays beginning this weekend. Simply click on the link below and this will take you to our parish channel on YouTube.

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCvNo\\_3DRIBPSBkdhbEB3j7Q](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCvNo_3DRIBPSBkdhbEB3j7Q)

You may wish to sign up for YouTube to make this a little easier for you. When the priest is about to receive the Eucharist, you will be invited to pray the Prayer of Spiritual Communion with the priest.

### **Prayer of Spiritual Communion**

My Jesus,  
I believe that You  
are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.  
I love You above all things,  
and I desire to receive You into my soul.  
Since I cannot at this moment  
receive You sacramentally,  
come at least spiritually into my heart.  
I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.  
Never permit me to be separated from You.  
Amen.

## **Praying the Rosary**

Our Lady has been invoked during every major crisis in the world and I am pretty sure this qualifies as a major crisis. Eventually, we will be LiveStreaming a Rosary from the parish so that we can pray together on-line; however, we do not have a time set at this point. Please keep posted. In the meantime, if a reminder about the mysteries and how to pray the rosary log onto:

<http://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/prayers-and-devotions/rosaries/how-to-pray-the-rosary.cfm>

## **Church Hours**

Our parish church will be open during the week, Monday through Thursday 6:00 am to 3:00 pm; Friday from 6 am to 10 pm; Saturday 7 am to 4 pm; Sunday from 6:30 to 9:00 am and 10:30 am to 6:00 pm.

## **Office Hours**

The parish offices are closed; however, we continue to respond to voicemails, emails and emergency calls.

## **Parish Buddies**

Operation Parish Buddy is an effort of the parish to reach out to those who are sick or aged 75 and older. Parish Staff and volunteers are phoning and keeping in touch with those on our parish rolls who are 75 and up. If you know someone who is in need of a Parish Buddy, please let us know. We have been in contact with more than 300 of our parishioners already.

## **Glen Ellyn Food Pantry**

Our Food Pantry needs volunteers and food donations. If you would like to donate food to the food pantry or you need food, they have done a great job in developing a drop-off and pick-up procedures to protect people from the virus. If you would like to volunteer, send them an email [volunteer@glenellynfoodpantry.org](mailto:volunteer@glenellynfoodpantry.org). If you would like to donate food, all you need to do is drop off food during their hours 9am to 3pm M-Th and leave it in the vestibule. If you need food, call them at 630-469-8668, arrange an appointment, drive up to the pantry and they will bring the food out to you.

Let us continue to pray for one another.

In Christ,

Fr. Thomas Milota