

April 22, 2020

Dear Parishioners of Saint Petronille,

### **Thank you!**

Thank you to the parish for your very generous response after my recent letter. Through your generosity, last Sunday's collection exceeded our weekly goal. Our Easter collection is much improved and we expect to meet our budget for that collection. Although we are still receiving Easter donations, we should be able to give you a more detailed accounting in our first weekend in May bulletin.

This response demonstrates the true generosity of the people of Saint Petronille. Your generosity allows the parish to continue to minister, assist those in need and pay our employees, Teachers, Aides and staff, who continue to work hard throughout the sequester. Interestingly, most of our staff are busier now than they were before the shutdown even though the way they execute their work has changed. Special thanks to all of them.

### **Pray for Tanya's Family**

Please remember in your prayers the family of Tanya Singh whose family home in Michigan, where her mother and brother live, was destroyed by fire yesterday. Although no one was seriously injured, most of their belongings were lost. Tanya is our Christian Service Coordinator here at the parish.

### **Fr. John Palmer Shares This Message**

"For all the parishioners of Saint Petronille,

I do want you to know that I miss you ever so much not being at Saint Petronille each weekend and seeing all of you is a heavy cross to bear; however, I can identify with all of you when I say being under house arrest, as it were, is not a matter of unbridled joy. Nonetheless maintaining our trust and faith in our Lord is the means, par excellence, by which we will triumph over this horrible virus.

May God be with all of you and keep you in His loving care.

Fr. John Palmer"

### **Live Streaming of Masses**

We still do not have a definite date for a return to church services on-site; however, our Worship Commission is holding a virtual meeting this week to begin discussing procedures for re-entry and how to address the on-going needs of the community after gatherings are once again allowed.

We have had to postpone the Confirmation and First Communion ceremonies even though we are committed to celebrating those with great solemnity once this is safe and possible. We will keep all of our families posted about new dates and times.

We sincerely apologize for no streaming Mass this morning. We had a technical glitch. We should have no problem moving forward.

### **Weekly Children's Mass**

Fr. Eduardo offers a Live Streaming Children's Mass every Thursday at 10 am which is interactive. Father asks questions and the children respond virtually. If your child would like to participate, please subscribe to our YouTube page. Your child will not only be able to participate, but you will also receive notifications and reminders of other liturgical events here at Saint Petronille. Quite frankly, I think Fr. Eduardo has more fun doing this than the children do.

### **Daily Rosary**

Some parishioners have asked to have a daily rosary time designated so that people will know when they are all praying together. Although this will not be livestreamed at this point, we hope to be able to do this soon. In the mean-time, let's pray a parish rosary every day together at 9 am. When you pray your rosary at this time, you will know that you are not praying alone but with parishioners all over Glen Ellyn.

### **Illinois Statewide Day of Prayer This Friday**

A day of prayer throughout the State of Illinois has been called for this Friday, April 24<sup>th</sup>. Please take a moment on Friday to offer a personal prayer, Hail Mary, Our Father or whatever prayer you would like for an end to the pandemic, care for those who are sick and all those effected by the shut-down by loss of job or ability to support one's family. Let us remember one another in prayer and all those suffering throughout Illinois.

### **Feeding First Responders and Frontliners**

Our local Chamber of Commerce in conjunction with local restaurants have created a GoFundMe through which you can contribute to an effort to show appreciation for our first responders by providing free meals to them. If you would like to assist, here is the link.

[https://www.gofundme.com/f/1ytdh9ukw0?utm\\_source=customer&utm\\_medium=copy\\_link-tip&utm\\_campaign=p\\_cp+share-sheet&fbclid=IwARONUtJBfFKXQMc6-Fuyktewd4BdqLuQKotCKVZYZWceqOU4TgTHR6P-QfM](https://www.gofundme.com/f/1ytdh9ukw0?utm_source=customer&utm_medium=copy_link-tip&utm_campaign=p_cp+share-sheet&fbclid=IwARONUtJBfFKXQMc6-Fuyktewd4BdqLuQKotCKVZYZWceqOU4TgTHR6P-QfM)

You all continue to be in the daily prayers of our priests, deacons and staff. If you know of anyone in need of assistance or just a friendly phone call. Please let me know.

May Almighty God bless you and keep you.

Prayers.

In Christ,

Fr. Thomas Milota