

April 5, 2020

Dear Parishioners of Saint Petronille,

### **Palm Sunday**

We begin our Palm Sunday liturgy with the Gospel account of Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem riding on a donkey. The people shouting, "Hosannah in the highest!" And, yet, in the Gospel of the Mass and six days later in real time, Jesus' suffers His passion and death. The Triumphal entry anticipates by six days the celebration of Passover, when God saved His people from slavery in Egypt so that they could go and worship Him in the desert, and the day when Jesus Christ would win the salvation of the world by the blood of His cross. Let us remember the mysterious ways that our God works...just as we experience suffering and sacrifice, Almighty God brings glory from sorrow.

We have thought about a number of ways that we might be able to get Palms to you on Palm Sunday, but there really did not seem to be a good safe solution. Pope Francis has suggested that we postpone the distribution of Palms until Pentecost Sunday, the celebration of the birth of the Church, and we pray a day that we will all be able to rejoice again in new life and new joy.

### **Holy Week Services**

We will be livestreaming our Triduum and Easter Services on our YouTube Channel. Simply do a google search on "Saint Petronille YouTube" and our channel will appear. Click the link and you are good to go.

Our livestream services will be:

Children's Mass – Tuesday, April 7, at 10 am

Holy Thursday

Mass of the Lords' Supper at 7 pm

(This is the only Mass permitted on this day.)

Adoration of the Eucharist and Altar of Repose

8:00 pm until Midnight

Good Friday

Noon – Stations of the Cross

3 pm – Veneration of the Cross

7 pm – Stations of the Cross

Holy Saturday – Easter Vigil – 8 pm

Easter Sunday – 9:30 am and 11:30 am

### **City Webpage**

Please remain in contact with the Village of Glen Ellyn direction on addressing the Covid-19 crisis. You can also sign up for text and email alerts:

<http://www.glenellyn.org/703/Coronavirus-Information>

### **Tracking Covid-19 in DuPage and Glen Ellyn**

The DuPage County Health Department has put together a webpage that allows you to track the number of cases and their demographic statistics in Glen Ellyn and DuPage County:

<https://www.dupagehealth.org/610/DuPage-County-COVID-19-Dashboard>

### **Covid-19 services include attachment**

Thank you to Mila, Tanya and our Christian Service Department, we have included a one-page sheet with numerous Covid-19 services in the event you or someone you know is in need of assistance. Further, this time of “staying in place” carries with it stresses of its own. The DuPage Health Department Crisis Line is available for those in need: Health Department’s Behavioral Health Crisis Hotline, (630) 627-1700, which is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year.

Let us keep one another in prayer during this most Holy Week of the year.

Prayers.

In Christ,

Fr. Thomas Milota