

**ST. PIUS X PARISH • 220 LAWRENCE ROAD • BROOMALL, PA 19008**

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

It is with a pained spirit and heart that I communicate the following to you: Archbishop Nelson J. Pérez has announced the suspension of all public Masses in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, until further notice. This includes Sunday and weekday Masses with the faithful. Of course, all of this is because of the growing concern of the spread of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) and the directives provided by government and health department officials at the local, state, and national levels. These measures will be re-evaluated pending future developments.

Fr. Banecker, Monsignor Jagodzinski, and I will continue to offer the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass privately (with no one in attendance with us). Communion Services are not to be used as a replacement for the celebration of Mass.

Since, during Lent, there are three daily Mass intentions (Monday thru Friday) the three of us priests will celebrate these Mass intentions each day. On Saturday, we will celebrate the Mass intentions arranged for the 8:00 am and 5:15 pm Masses on Saturday and the 7:30 am Mass on Sunday. The private Mass we celebrate on Sunday will be for the intentions arranged for the 9:30 am, 11:30 am, and 5:15 pm Sunday Masses.

My plan for each day is to open the Church at 9:00 am and have Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament exposed on the Altar for private visits and prayers. Church will stay open until 4:00 pm each day. An important part in allowing this is for all of us to keep reasonable social distancing. During this time the Divine Mercy Chapel will be closed until further notice.

Baptisms, Penance (Saturday 4:00pm - 5:00pm, Tuesday at 7:00 pm) and Marriages are to take place as usual but with due regard for the limitation of participants and reasonable social distancing. Likewise funerals are to take place with due regard for the limitation of participants and reasonable social distancing. The celebration of First Communion, currently scheduled for May 2, is also going to be postponed. More information will be shared with families as it becomes available.

In conjunction with directives already in force in hospitals and institutions, all visits to the sick with Holy Communion, including in private homes, by priests, deacons and extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion are suspended. Priests are expected to celebrate the Sacraments for those in danger of death, and particularly Holy Communion.

At this time, we are also planning to post videos of the private celebration of daily Mass from our Church to our parish Facebook page. These videos will start Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>. A link to our Facebook page and other websites to view Mass, can be found at [www.SaintPius.net](http://www.SaintPius.net).

Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Pray for Us.  
*Monsignor William C. Kaufman*