

PARISH CALENDAR:

Mar. 25 (Wed.)	10:00 a.m.	Bible Study – Biblical Women - CANCELLED
March 29 (Sat.)		Men’s AA – Parish Hall – 7:45-8:45 & 9:00-10:00 a.m.
April 5		Palm Sunday
April 6 (Mon.)		Reconciliation Monday – Confessions from 5:00-7:00 p.m. at the Magdalene

NOTE FROM FR. JOHN: “The parish staff is thinking of all our parishioners and their families at this difficult time, especially parents with young, school age, and college children. Please exercise safe precautions. Our church is open each day between 9 and 4 for a visit. I miss the opportunity to be challenged by the Sunday scripture readings and relate them to the relevant issues of our time. Since the pandemic, 2 weddings and 2 baptisms have been postponed and one funeral service has been conducted. Let us take care of each other. Thank you to all the parishioners who have asked how I am doing and if I need anything. I am used to living alone so I follow my normal pattern, although Shoprite has now become more challenging!”

CARDINAL’S STEWARDSHIP APPEAL 2020: Most of our parishioners received a form for the Cardinal’s Appeal. Simply fill out the card and mail directly to the Archdiocese. **PLEASE MAKE CHECK OUT TO “CARDINAL’S APPEAL.”**

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ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION: It has long been a Catholic understanding that when circumstances prevent one from receiving Holy Communion, it is possible to make an Act of Spiritual Communion, which is a source of grace.

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 in 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.

POPE FRANCIS offers advice about how to face the daily challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic: "We need to rediscover the concreteness of small things, the small acts of kindness shown to those who are close to us, family, friends. We need to realize that our treasure lies in small things. There are tiny gestures that sometimes get lost in the routine of everyday life, gestures of tenderness, affection, compassion, that are nevertheless decisive, important",