

*Dear Parishioners:*

*Today, as we continue to fight the transmission of the coronavirus, Bishop Barres has issued the following directives to the parishes of the Diocese of Rockville Centre.*

*Effective from 3:00 PM today, March 16:*

*1. All Masses (weekday and weekend), liturgies, devotions, meetings and non-essential activities and services in all parishes are suspended or postponed through Tuesday, April 14, 2020. This includes all Holy Week and Easter Liturgies.*

*2. All Mass intentions will be fulfilled by our priests offering private Masses. The Church will remain locked.*

*3. First Communion and Confirmation at St. James (taking place after April 14) are currently still scheduled, but with family present only. However, a final decision will be made as we come closer to these events.*

*4. Funerals and Weddings may take place as scheduled but must be limited to 50 people and under. Baptisms will be postponed unless absolutely necessary.*

*5. Our Rectory Office Hours will now be from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm – Monday thru Saturday. There will be no afternoon or evening hours and no Sunday hours.*

*6. Our Chapel (by the Rectory Building) will be opened each day from 9:00 am to 7:30 PM.*

*7. Emergency calls and the Anointing of the Sick will continue. Please use discretion and do not place our clergy in danger.*

*8. Reconciliation/Confessions are available through private appointment with a priest. (Reconciliation on the Monday of Holy Week is now cancelled).*

*9. If it is possible for you to support your church, please send your donation or drop it off at the Rectory. We must continue to help the needy, pay our bills and pay salaries.*

*Please continue to check our Web Page and our Facebook Page for the latest news and important information.*

*May God Bless us all.*

*Mary, Mother of the Church, Pray for Us!*

*Fr. John, Fr. Innocent, Fr. Francis*

*Dcn. Rick, Dcn. Chris & Dcn. John*