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Dear Parishioners:

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On Monday, March 16, 2020, The Diocese of Rockville Centre released a general press statement in compliance with the government directives on the recommendations of the CDC as it monitors the effects of the coronavirus.

Pursuant to that, the Diocese issued "**Health Directives**" in an "**Urgent Memo**" to all parishes and institutions across Long Island, suspending all public liturgical services, weekday and weekend Masses, including Holy Week and Easter Liturgies, through April 14, 2020. The full text has been published on our Parish Website for your information.

In compliance, the school building will be closed. Group devotions and gatherings will be suspended until further notice, including ALL levels of Faith Formation and RCIA Classes and activities which have already been suspended since the weekend of March 14-15, 2020.

The following Lenten programs have been cancelled:

1. Level 6 Penitential Service, scheduled for Monday, March 16, 2020
2. Parish Ministers' Retreat, scheduled for Wednesday, March 25, 2020
3. The Family Retreat, scheduled for Sunday, March 29, 2020
4. Diocesan Day of Penance and Confessions, scheduled for Monday, April 6, 2020
5. Fr. John Rowan's "The Joy of the Gospel" Tuesday Classes

The following provisions have, however been put in place:

1. All scheduled Mass requests will be honored in private celebrations
2. Funeral and Nuptial Liturgies will be celebrated, but with only a limited number of participants.
3. There will be private Stations of the Cross every Friday at 7:30 PM
4. The **Main Chapel** will be opened for private prayer every day, 6:00 AM-8:00 PM
5. The Blessed Sacrament will be Exposed in the **Main Chapel** for private adoration on Mondays, 1:00-4:00 PM, & individual confessions will be heard in the main church from 1:15-2:00 PM. **There will be no Thursday Holy Hour in the Pastoral Center.**
6. All the scheduled Sunday Masses, The Friday evening Stations of the Cross, the Liturgies of the Sacred Triduum and Easter will be live streamed on Facebook and the Parish website. Those who have no access to the internet are encouraged to tune into the **Catholic Faith Network** to participate in the liturgies via TV (Optimum channel 29/137, Verizon FiOS channel 296, and Spectrum channel 162/471). You can watch CFN on Roku, Apple TV, Amazon Fire TV, Android, or by downloading the CFN iOS mobile app at the app store by searching "Catholic Faith Network" or "CFN".

Let us pray constantly to our Lord, Jesus Christ, healer of all infirmities, to heal all those affected and to intervene and remove the scourge of the coronavirus from our midst. May our Blessed Mother, Mother of Sorrows, intercede for us with her Son, Jesus Christ.

Fr. Seth