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Dear Friends,

I pray that you and your family are well during this unprecedented time during the COVID-19 outbreak and subsequent crisis. Please join with us in praying for those suffering from the Corona virus, their families and health care providers.

We have just been informed by the Diocese of Rockville Centre that beginning Monday, March 16, 2020 at 3:00 p.m., all Masses (weekday and weekend), liturgies, devotions, meetings, and non essential activities in our parishes are suspended or postponed through Tuesday, April 14, 2020. This will include all Holy Week and Easter Liturgies. We will continue to keep you updated on any changes. You can also go to www.drvc.org for more information.

During this time, we will be working on live streaming the Mass from St Sylvester. However, in the interim, I encourage you to see the schedule below to view the Mass.

The Catholic Faith Network (CFN) Broadcast of the Celebration of the Eucharist:

St. Agnes Cathedral, Rockville Centre, New York

Monday – Friday at 8:30 am & 12:30 pm ET Sunday at 11:00 am & 7:00 pm ET

St. Patrick's Cathedral, New York

Monday – Friday at 6:30 pm ET

Our Lady of Loretto Church, Hempstead, New York

Sunday at 6 pm ET

If you regularly contribute to the Stewardship of the parish, I want to thank you for your continued support and ask you to prayerfully consider making a one time or recurring donation to Saint Sylvester Church by mailing in a check or going directly to Faith Direct by clicking here or going to www.stsylvesterli.org. We are already operating on a "shoe string" budget with very pale reserves. Our collection this week was less than ½ of our weekly average....and our bills remain the same. Please consider doing so, as your means allow, and know that your contribution directly allows us to provide the many ministries and services to this community as needed.

Let us hope and pray that this period of disquiet will pass quickly.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Suglia

[&]quot;They devoted themselves to the teaching of the apostles and to the communal life, to the breaking of bread and to the prayers." Act 2:44