

A NOTE FROM FATHER PHIL

The Coronavirus may have simplified Thanksgiving celebrations with family and friends this year. What it could not take away was a sense of gratitude. Here are a few of the blessings for which I am grateful this year.



Chum, my pet squirrel who lives in my backyard and takes nuts from my hand

Friends like Father Loc

Bleu Cheese and Walnut Pizzas (there is no accounting for taste)

Lectio-Divina (a form of prayer using Scripture)

People involved in the diaconate program

Warm Clothing

Running Water

Scientists who are working on a COVID-19 vaccine

Memory

Health

Michigan Apples especially Gala

The opportunity to work again with the community of Holy Family

Pumpkin, Blueberry, and Cherry Pies

Music

Memory

Essential Workers

The ability to read

Half and Half in my coffee

Pope Francis and Bishop Walkowiak

Shakespeare plays and the Stratford Theatre that is streamlining them

The Eucharist

White lines on the side of the road

My brothers and sisters and their families

The Franciscan and Dominican Sisters and other Religious

The Monks at New Mellerav

The Great Lakes

Memory

Daffodils

The United States and our standard of living Norms for a peaceful transition of power

Lemon Lysol

A warm and sunny summer

Election workers

My physician, eye doctor, dentist and barber

Trappistine Caramels

The U.P., its hiking trails, water falls, shoreline and beautiful autumn colors

Gardening

My computer and my godson who teaches me how to use it

John Ball Park

The Fredrick Meijer Bike Trails

Early morning walks

Memory

The ability to be grateful