

March 17, 2020

Good morning Parishioners,

In these unprecedented times, we have had to adapt and change for the health and safety of ourselves, and those with whom we come into contact, as per the recommendations of the government. I wish to commend the community at St. Elizabeth for their flexibility and understanding with the changes that are happening day to day and hour to hour.

As you have probably seen on the news, last evening the Bishops of Ohio made the heartbreaking decision to suspend all public Masses/liturgies at LEAST through Easter. The faithful are dispensed from their Sunday obligation, and are encouraged to watch Mass on television and make a spiritual communion. Be assured, any Mass intentions that were scheduled during this period of time will be offered as I celebrate Mass privately at the rectory. Therefore, to be clear: ALL MASSES, AND ANY OTHER LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS (such as Stations of the Cross, Adoration, Confession etc.) AND PUBLIC GATHERINGS AT ST. ELIZABETH ARE CANCELLED UNTIL AT LEAST APRIL 13. (At least through Easter).

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call the parish office at 614-891-0150. Hours are 8 am to Noon Monday through Thursday. We will be closed Fridays for the foreseeable future.

I am attaching the letter that was sent out by the Bishops that states clearly their thinking in this matter. Please read it very carefully. Stay home and be safe, and let us pray for each other. Be assured of my prayers for you and your families.

In Christ,

Fr. Antony Varghese, CFIC
Administrator, St. Elizabeth Parish