

Saint Patrick Catholic Church

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Greetings From Your Lonely Pastor!!!

I suppose on the introvert/extrovert scale I tend to lean slightly towards being an introvert, but this is too much time alone...even for me!

Many of you are probably feeling the same way. You can only re-organize your closet so many times or straighten out your pantry. I bet there has never been a time in America when people's lawns are more raked and taken care of because people have so much extra time these days.

The purpose in writing is to say hello and also to invite you to participate in our Easter Triduum services. Unfortunately, we still will not have our Churches open, but we will be celebrating the services and livestreaming them on the internet. Just click this link –

<https://tinyurl.com/rqo7l8d>

You do not need to have a facebook account. If they ask you to signup you can just ignore it. Just go to the link. **If you go to the link before we begin the livestream you will have to refresh the webpage to get the livestream.** The livestream begins 15 minutes before Mass time, so if you click the link about 10 minutes before the Mass time it should work well for you. If you are older and not sure how such things work, get your kid or grandkid to help you!

The services times are as follows:

Holy Thursday 7pm (livestream begins 645pm)

Good Friday 3pm (livestream begins 245pm)

Holy Saturday 8pm (livestream begins 745pm)

Easter Sunday 10am (livestream begins 945am)

I must confess I have never livestreamed a Mass before. So, forgive us if the camera falls over or we make other mistakes...all this is new!

We will also post a recording of each service so you can watch later, although it is better to watch during the livestream as you can do things like post comments during the service (it is sort of like talking during Mass...but permitted in this case).

All joking aside, we priests, clergy and staff are all doing well at the parishes. There is still plenty to keep our attention. Remember, our three Churches are open 9am-12noon on Sunday and a priest is available for confession and St Peter is open during the week 11am-1pm.

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We are still visiting the sick and dying and communicating with parishioners and helping with needs that arise (PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOU NEED ANYTHING, SPIRITUAL OR MATERIAL, WE ARE HERE FOR YOU).

Also, our outreach to the poor has been extra busy lately. We have had an increase in folks coming for meals during our lunch and dinner program and our volunteer count is understandably down. But not to worry, Fr Rossi has been rolling up his sleeves and burning dinner regularly (that is a joke...although I am truly a terrible cook).

Many have asked how they can help. Please, please, please, the most important thing you can do to help us is to continue to make your regular tithe to the parish. Please go on the parish website and click the egiving symbol to continue making your weekly donations. Or you can mail in a check to the parish office. We desperately need support at this time. Please, please, please be generous so we can continue the good work we are doing to help so many in need.

Please find enclosed a blessed palm. Although we cannot have Palm Sunday Mass together, you still can get your palm!

Also, please check the parish website for weekly letters. This may be the last physical letter as postage is not free. But check the parish website for new letters.

We priests offer Mass for you and world every day. And we look forward to praying with you, live over the internet, during the Easter Triduum services. See you then!

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rev. Fr. Rossi". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Fr Rossi