



## **PARISH RESPONSE TO CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK**

March 16, 2020

Dear Friends:

Thanks to your generosity we have been able to create a new means of communication with all of you through e-mail. We will, from time to time, keep you informed about important events and issues affecting our Parish. This is particularly important during this difficult time when Masses and events have been cancelled because of the Coronavirus outbreak. Our parish wants to stay connected to you.

The spread of Coronavirus has touched our schools, favorite sports events, places of work, and just about every aspect of our daily lives. St. Bernard Parish must also respond to this crisis. Our priority is always to keep our parishioners safe and informed.

With this in mind we have put into place safety precautions which have been recommended by Governor Raimondo and the Diocese of Providence.

1. While the **celebration of all Weekend and Daily Masses will be suspended** until further notice, all should know that they are *not obliged to attend Mass on Sunday* during this period of quarantine and that the **church will be open each day until 4 PM for private prayer**. You may also choose to watch Mass on the EWTN network.
2. All other events which require the gathering of large groups of people will be cancelled, which includes:
  - Wednesday Lenten Luncheons.
  - Religious Education classes (until schools re-open)
  - Tuesday evening Lenten devotions
  - Friday Stations of the Cross
3. Our office hours have changed temporarily as well: The Office will be open: **Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 9 Am until 12 Noon.**
4. Please remember that it is not a sin to miss Mass when you are not well or are at risk. And, please pray for all those who are suffering hardship or illness because of this crisis, that the Lord will bring us together to help one another.

*Fr. Jack Unsworth, Pastor*

**PLEASE:** For the latest updates and information about the parish and Religious Education during this time, please check our website: [www.stbernardnk.org](http://www.stbernardnk.org)