

March 21, 2020

Dear St. Philip Family,

Greetings from Fr. Sudhir! Hoping and praying that all is well with you and your families. Let's practice social distancing seriously – if not for ourselves, at least for those who are most vulnerable. We trust in God's love and mercy, but continue following best practices and CDC guidelines.

By the way, due to all the fake emails going on in my name (the price I have to pay for being popular !) I am changing my email to frsdsouza@stphilipnorwalk.org Please note, I will not ask anyone for any favor or ask you to purchase something for me. If I need something I will knock on your doors!

All of us being bombarded with a lot of emails these days. The parish will email you every 3 to 4 days to keep you updated. I will try and keep this email as simple and short as I can.

Public celebration of all masses, all parish activities are cancelled till April 3rd. I will be doing LIVE STREAMING of my private mass, details are at the bottom of the email.

Live Streaming Schedule:

Weekday Masses: Monday thru Friday 6:30 pm.

Weekend Mass: Sunday 10 am and 12 Noon.

Rosary: Monday thru Saturday at 1 pm.

Bible Study: Wednesday 1 pm and Thursday 7 pm.

Q & A Session – Monday through Saturday 12 Noon to 12:45 pm

Confessions in the CHURCH (near the ALTAR) from 4:30 pm to 5 pm on Saturdays

Church will remain open from 7 am to 6 pm, for anyone wants to make a private visit. First pew near Tabernacle and last pew near main door are available for seating (All other pews are taped/cordoned off – for sanitary purposes)

Parish office will remain closed until further notice. Phones will be monitored for any emergencies.

Food Pantry will remain open on Fridays from 8:30 am to 11:30 am. Or if anyone is in need call the parish office and we will make other arrangements. If you know of anyone who is home-bound and needs food please let us know. We also need food/monetary donations to keep our food pantry going. We had 40 families who came yesterday.

Bishop Caggiano's Mass will be live streamed on the diocesan website every Sunday at 8 am.

Please continue to pray for all those affected, those who are furloughed or have lost their jobs, and for the medical personnel and civil authorities/employees.

Stay Safe, Stay Sanitized, Stay Blessed!

Fr. Sudhir

Instructions for the online viewing/live streaming

You can do this on your smartphone, ipad/tablet or laptop, or desktop with mic and speaker and camera.

This is what you need to do: Click on this link to Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/9465449138>

Meeting ID: 946 544 9138 (In case you are asked for meeting Id or code)

Once you come to the Zoom Screen - or you have to download the app on your smartphone, you can click on "JOIN THE MEETING".

Once you come to the screen where video is displayed you have to click on the "Headphone icon" and select "CALL VIA AUDIO DEVICE" and then you are all set and connected.

Decree from Pope Francis about Indulgences

<http://press.vatican.va/content/salastampa/en/bollettino/pubblico/2020/03/20/200320d.html>

Resources from USCCB – Movies, Prayers, Meditations, Bible Studies

The USCCB has published some resources to assist the virtual prayer of the Church

during the pandemic. You can find detailed information at the following links:

<http://www.usccb.org/coronavirus> and <https://catholiccurrent.org/covid19/>.

Additionally, in collaboration with the USCCB, the Augustine Institute is offering a free 40-day subscription to FORMED during this time when many of our lay faithful are quarantined or spending more time at home. The resources include access to Catholic prayers, movies, meditations and Bible studies.

Any parishioners can gain access by following these steps:

1. Click on this link: <http://leaders.formed.org/usccb/>;
2. Click on the "SIGN UP" box under Step 1;
3. In the box under "Create a New Account," type in "Faith At Home USCCB" and click "Next";