

Parish Updates, Liturgies, & Services during the COVID-19 Pandemic Response as of 3-20-20

“...The jaws of hell shall not prevail against the Church...”
(Matthew 16:18)

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

As the living Body of Christ we live in Faith, Hope, and Charity. During this coronavirus pandemic our spirit, mind, and body may undergo some very challenging times. However difficult our faith may be shaken we strive to become stronger because the Living Lord and God Jesus is with us in Word and the Most Blessed Sacrament.

“Life is changed, not ended” we at Good Shepherd will continue to shepherd the flock. We are not alone and Jesus will not abandon us. With the growing challenges we now face the Parish of Good Shepherd is adapting to serve our faithful especially through online and social media. If you browse the list below you will find a list of online resources for Holy Mass being celebrated privately, daily reflections, and prayers.

Out of abundance of caution and in an effort to protect the most vulnerable among us from the Covid-19 Virus, Bishop Nicholas DiMarzio has dispensed the faithful from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass, has prohibited the celebration of Mass and liturgies publicly, and all churches are to remain closed until further notice. For the Official Notice(s) from the Diocese of Brooklyn, please click on link... <https://dioceseofbrooklyn.org/coronavirus-updates/>

We thank you for your continuing prayers and support during this difficult time. We will continue to communicate with you here at our website and through emails. ***“Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might!”*** (Ephesians 6:10).

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Please be assured of our remembrance at Holy Mass. We offer our prayer for you and your loved ones...

The Lord bless you and keep you!

The Lord let his face shine upon you, and be gracious to you!

The Lord look upon you kindly and give you peace! (Numbers 6:24-26)

Yours in Jesus and Mary,
Rev. Fr. Thomas V. Doyle
Pastor



“I am the good shepherd. A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.”
(John 10:11)

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Faith Formation, Catholic Academy, Organizations/Groups

- 1) All parish Faith Formation On Site Classes on Wednesdays and Online Monthly Spiritual Enrichment Seminars are cancelled until further notice.
- 2) Good Shepherd Catholic Academy onsite classes is cancelled until April 20th. Check here for regular updates...**<https://goodshepherdbklyn.org>**
- 3) All parish organizations/groups, meetings, rehearsals, etc. is cancelled until further notice.

In compliance with the restrictions placed upon the gathering of people, including the public celebration of Mass and liturgies, the following accommodation have been made so that the faithful may continue to grow in Faith, Hope, and Charity:

Parish Cleaning

- 1) All parish facilities are being maintained by professional cleaning. The church building has been professionally disinfected and undergoes regular professional cleaning twice a week.

Ways to Stay Connected

- 1) Official Parish News, Updates, Online Masses & Liturgies, Prayers, Scriptures, etc. will be available from the parish website via **www.goodshepherdbrooklyn.org**
- 2) Please be sure you send us your email we will keep you informed on all updates. Kindly write to us at **acastellano@goodshepherdbrooklyn.org**
- 3) If you have prayer requests kindly send those requests to us and we will include you in our daily prayers. Email us at **rruggiero@goodshepherdbrooklyn.org**

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- 4) Updates from the Diocese of Brooklyn can be viewed from <https://dioceseofbrooklyn.org/coronavirus-updates/>
- 5) Updates from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops can be viewed from <http://www.usccb.org/news/2020/20-45.cfm>

Holy Mass and Liturgies

- 1) All Masses (weekday and Sunday) will be celebrated for the scheduled intentions starting Monday, March 16th. Masses will be celebrated privately by our parish priests.
- 2) All public celebrations for Palm Sunday, The Triduum, Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday Masses and Liturgies are cancelled.
- 3) All First Communions and Confirmations are cancelled at this time. We will keep you posted when we will be able to reschedule.
- 4) All funerals and weddings are cancelled at this time.
- 5) We are working on launching Sunday Mass (and Weekly Daily Mass) to be streamed online via our parish website as celebrated privately by our parish priests at www.goodshepherdbrooklyn.org

Lenten Journey via www.goodshepherdbrooklyn.org

- 1) Travel with Fr. Dave to repent, to change, to be converted.
- 2) Stations of the Cross is available in our Free Online Devotions.
- 3) Please check out our new pages for ***Free Online Videos and Free Online Devotions.***

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Church Hours for Private Visitation

- 1) All churches in the diocese are now closed including all offices.

Holy Week & Easter

Note: there are no public celebrations for Holy Mass or Liturgies. The church will remain closed until further notice.

- 1) Palm Sunday, April 5th - Palms will be blessed (privately) and available to the faithful. The blessed palms will be placed in front of the Holy Family statue in the garden located on Brown Street.
- 2) Easter Sunday, April 12th - Easter Water will be blessed (privately) and bottles available to the faithful. The blessed Easter Water will be placed in front of the Holy Family statue in the garden located on Brown Street.

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Private Holy Mass & Liturgies available Online and Television

Weekdays Masses:

- 8:00 A.M. Live from Co-Cathedral of St. Joseph in Prospect Heights (English)
- 9:00 A.M. Live from Co-Cathedral of St. Joseph in Prospect Heights (Spanish)
- 12:00 P.M. Live from St. James Cathedral in Downtown Brooklyn (English)
- 5:00 P.M. Replay of the Noon Mass from St. James Cathedral in Downtown Brooklyn (English)
- 6:30 P.M. Pre-recorded Mass from St. Patrick's Cathedral

Weekend Masses:

- 6:00 P.M. Saturday Vigil Pre-recorded Passionate Mass from Immaculate Conception Church in Jamaica (English)
- 11:00 A.M. Sunday Live from St. James Cathedral in Downtown Brooklyn (English)
- 1:30 P.M. Sunday Pre-recorded from Co-Cathedral of St. Joseph in Prospect Heights (Spanish)

NET-TV can be seen in the New York City area on Spectrum (Channel 97), Optimum (Channel 30), and FIOS (Channel 48). Viewers can also tune in online at **www.netny.tv**.

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Extraordinary Form of the Latin Mass:

The Priestly Fraternity of Saint Peter

<https://fssp.com>

Melkite Rite of the Catholic Church:

St. Ann Melkite Catholic Church

802 Rifle Camp Road

Woodland Park NJ.

<https://melkite.org>

Church of the Virgin Mary Melkite Catholic Church

216 8th Ave

Brooklyn NY

<http://churchofthevirginmary.net>

Maronite Rite of the Catholic Church:

Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church

113 Remsen St

Brooklyn NY

<http://www.ololc.org>

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Free Apps/Resources you may download to your smartphone/computer for prayers/devotions:

Magnificat - Offering Complimentary Online Access:

<https://us.magnificat.net/#!VVMjMiMyMDIwIzEzMjIxNDI0>

Get the iMass App for Free:

<https://apps.apple.com/us/app/imass/id381131668>

Catholics, Come Home - Free video reflections:

<https://www.catholicscomehome.org>

Novena to the Blessed Virgin of Loreto:

<https://www.tfp.org/novena-to-the-blessed-virgin-of-loreto/>



Pope Francis' Prayer to the Virgin Mary for Protection from Coronavirus

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D2wxD3YvfeQ>



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~ *Saint Corona* ~

<https://aleteia.org/2020/03/14/yes-theres-actually-a-st-corona-and-shes-buried-in-the-middle-of-the-pandemic/#.XnF7QRxzDlc.email>

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These saints know firsthand about



surviving pandemics...

*But even more, they know about how a pandemic can
become a way to serve God and neighbor...*

<https://aleteia.org/2020/03/12/these-saints-know-firsthand-about-surviving-pandemics/>



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~ *Our Lady of Guadalupe* ~

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Prayer for the relief of the Coronavirus:

*Holy Virgin of Guadalupe,
Queen of the Angels and Mother of the Americas.
We fly to you today as your beloved children.
We ask you to intercede for us with your Son,
as you did at the wedding in Cana.*

*Pray for us, loving Mother,
and gain for our nation and world,
and for all our families and loved ones,
the protection of your holy angels,
that we may be spared the worst of this illness.*

*For those already afflicted,
we ask you to obtain the grace of healing and deliverance.
Hear the cries of those who are vulnerable and fearful,
wipe away their tears and help them to trust.*

*In this time of trial and testing,
teach all of us in the Church to love one another and to be patient and kind.
Help us to bring the peace of Jesus to our land and to our hearts.*

*We come to you with confidence,
knowing that you truly are our compassionate mother,
health of the sick and cause of our joy.*

*Shelter us under the mantle of your protection,
keep us in the embrace of your arms,
help us always to know the love of your Son, Jesus. Amen.*

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Financial Stewardship - E-Giving

WELCOME TO 2020! The Parish Of Good Shepherd has begun online giving for your weekly, monthly and special collections is encouraged. You can register to have your church donations directly debited from your checking, saving or credit card.

- 1) For those who are financially able to continue to support the parish during this time we encourage you to sign up for e-giving <https://www.givecentral.org/location/626> so that we may be able to continue the ministry of the church during this critical time.
- 2) If you like to drop off your regular Sunday envelope you may leave in the rectory mailbox at 1950 Batchelder Street.

We thank you for reading our updates and will continue to keep you posted on news, resources, and your continuing prayers and generous support...

Please be sure you send us your email address so we may include you in our regular email updates, send your email to...

acastellano@goodshepherdbrooklyn.org

If you like us to include you in our Parish Prayer Requests, please send your prayers to...rruggiero@goodshepherdbrooklyn.org

Again, be assured of our prayers for you and your loved ones!