



In response to the Coronavirus

Like many of you, I have been closely monitoring the impact of Coronavirus (COVID-19) and how it's affecting our community.

At Our Lady of Fatima and Saint Bridget, we are committed to the health and safety of our parishioners. Within the past week we've instituted a number of precautionary measures and modified or canceled events, all detailed below. As the situation evolves, we will continue to make adjustments accordingly.

As always, please reach out to the Parish Office if you have any questions or concerns.

~ *Father Gerald*

Schedule Changes

- Stations of the Cross will be held this Friday; however, we will not offer the shared soup dinner.
- Hospitality following our weekend Masses will be suspended until further notice.
- This weekend's teen retreat has been cancelled.
- Until further notice, there will be no Friday night bingo at Saint Bridget.
- Saturday's Saint Patrick's Social at Saint Bridget has been postponed.
- The final session of Discovering Christ, scheduled 3.18, has been postponed.

Precautions in place

- The Holy Water fonts have been emptied.
- Doorknobs and handles in the church will be disinfected before and after every Mass.
- The Sign of Peace will be omitted at Mass or made without physical contact.
- The sharing of the Precious Blood will remain suspended.
- I ask that you receive Holy Communion in the hand, but if you wish to receive Holy Communion on the tongue, please go to the end of the line so you can receive last.
- Your celebrant will refrain from shaking hands at the conclusion of Mass.

Faith Formation

Given the increasing concern surrounding the spread of Coronavirus (COVID-19), the parish has deemed it prudent to put all of our faith formation programs on a two week hiatus while we assess the situation further. Specifically, this includes:

- Faith Formation grades Pre-k through Grade 6
- Children's Liturgy of the Word
- Edge afternoon and Life Teen evening programs
- This weekend's teen retreat
- 3.16 Youth Movie Night
- 3.22 Confirmation retreat

Special events will be rescheduled where possible. We will continue to communicate new information as it becomes available.

Saint Patrick's Day Social

Knights of Columbus Council 5188 has postponed the St Patrick Dinner social, scheduled for Saturday March 14 at Our Lady of Fatima. We will re-schedule a parish social event when conditions permit. Your St. Patrick's tickets would be good for the re-scheduled event, however if you prefer a refund please contact Bob Hyotte at 978-460-0794.

Our caterer has already purchased the food. It will be donated to our local food pantry or area shelters.

We want to thank you for your continuous support and apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused. The Knights of Columbus and Our Lady of Fatima Parish look forward to seeing you at the next social.