

St. Jerome Church

HOLY TRINITY SUNDAY

JUNE 4TH, 2020



Marvin Gaye's song "What's Going On" is rattling through my mind these days. I don't know all that is going on, but I do know that Jesus is with us here in the mess and will be with us if we allow Him. What's going on? Today we received approval for a return to sacraments!

Our proposal **includes masses on Monday through Saturday at 8am in the parking-lot***. These Zoom-masses will be our first with communion available for the faithful. (*Please note that funeral masses and weddings will change Fr. Bill's availability... so on these days we will just be having Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.)

To receive communion, you must be in your car wearing a mask. (Fr. Bill has to wear a mask, too.) Lower your window when the Eucharistic Minister reaches your car. Please give the Eucharistic presence of Jesus a head bow of reverence and extend your hands to the car window (one upon the other, palms up) to receive the Eucharist. The minister will say "Body of Christ" and please respond with a gentle "Amen." **DO NOT GRAB or TAKE THE HOST.** When the edge of the host touches the palm, the minister will release the host into your hand. Bring your hands closer to you, adjust your mask, and consume the host: the REAL Presence of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Our proposal has two Sunday morning masses in the church **beginning on Body and Blood of Christ Sunday, June 14th.** **One mass will be at 9am and the other at 11am.**

June 7th will be our last SUNDAY Parking-lot Adoration from 8am to 3:15pm. **ADORATION WILL CONTINUE Monday thru Saturday beginning with mass at 8pm concluding at 3:15pm.** Now, more than ever, we need time in our Lord's real presence: Have mercy on us, and on the whole world!

Sunday Evening we will continue having our evening "parking-lot zoom" mass. The **mass will begin at 5pm** to avoid conflicts with curfews. Please note that if curfew is earlier than 6pm, the parking-lot portion of mass will be moved. The mass at 5pm but **ONLY** through Zoom and not in person if there is an early curfew..

Confession will be available on Saturday afternoons from 1:30pm to 2:30pm in the rectory garden area. Confession will be available on Wednesday and Friday afternoons by appointment only. (Schedule with Roxanne)

Please use wisdom and good sense. If you have conditions such as diabetes, or other pre-existing conditions, please reduce your risk with common sense and prudence.

Human Nature: when everything seems out of control... we feel the need to control someone... something.

It may be "for our own good" but social distancing and isolation are often used as a form of torture. I know this has contributed to the rise in suicides, alcohol and drug abuse. "It is not good for man to be alone." Plus, when things are out of control... we need someone or something to control. People who are anorexic or self-cutters desperately seek to give themselves some sense of control. People may become more bossy and pushy because they feel everything is spinning out of control. Someone or something needs to be in my power. These times mark a rise in physical and emotional abuse in households. The Southwest commercial said that "sometimes you need to get away" but the stay at home/curfew directives force some people to remain with abusers.

Character is revealed when we believe that no one is watching. Masks and crowds, whether at Mardi Gras or smashing car windows frees us to reveal our true character... and like Cain... believe we can get away with it as we believe no one knows.

Studies have repeatedly demonstrated that wearing masks which camouflage, veil or conceal our identity, embolden and encourage abusive... and even completely evil behavior. They give us a sense of anonymity which whether on the internet or in a crowd give us the sense that we cannot and will not be held accountable as I believe you won't know it is me.

I can get upset with mobs smashing windows and stealing from stores... but in my life am I bringing gentleness, patience and a sense of peace... or am I snapping out... quick to judge... quick to self-righteously speak... and attack... and smash?

All of us to one degree or another are on edge. There is so much pressure, fear and terror evident. Tempers are short. Patience is thin. People are afraid.

Pinching off anyone's head might be "justified" but is NOT Christian! If I have become a nag... if I am actually harassing people, I am adding to their fear and terror. Trust Jesus to do His part. You cannot and should not feel responsible to be everyone else's policeman. That beam in your own eye is battering those with a speck of sawdust in their eye.

Be quick to apologize and forgive as we all fall short of the glory of God. "Lord, make me an instrument of your peace...." And seek to bear these fruits: Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Generosity, Faithfulness, Gentleness and Self-control. We all need to receive and offer this peace. Trust God. He has us.

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Beginning June 14th our church will be open for Sunday Masses. However these opportunities continue.

1. **Drive-in-Adoration:** The Blessed Sacrament is exposed from **8am to 3:15pm daily**. 8am mass occurs most days there except on Friday and Sunday. Communion is not available but you get to participate in the penitential rite and the closing blessing and dismissal which do give the opportunity for forgiveness of venial sins.

2. **The Rosary Garden:** facing Thornburn Street, this is a good place just to stop and pray especially during Mary's special month of May... and each Our Father is more than six feet away.

3. **Zoom Mass** is each day at 8am except Sunday. On Sunday mass is set for 5pm. (Meeting ID: **661-442-999**. Password: **162-954**)

4. On **Wednesday's** at **5:30pm** is **Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena** (Meeting ID: **683-511-284**. Password: **805-612**). Praying the rosary daily and joining in the Novena is a powerful means for us to help us receive blessings from our Blessed Mother.

5. Our **Friday Evening Prayer Group** meets at **7pm**. This charismatic group continues to pray for us and invites all to be open to the Spirit of Jesus allowing themselves to be refreshed and renewed. (Meeting ID: **870-2775-1085**. Password: **821-822**). **NEW CODES!**

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FININCIAL ASSISTANCE may be available for parishioners through the Cardinal Macintyre Fund. Contact Juanita for the documentation and bills which parishioners need to get this one time grant.

I do need your help. The earliest we will have public mass is tomorrow. Our parish needs your assistance. Without Sunday services our income is minimal yet bills continue to arrive. Please mail in your Sunday donation or donate to our parish at our website. Thank you for your generosity.

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Anyone can call the Hearts to Serve Hotline ministry at 855 423-6780, from 8am—5pm daily and volunteers will connect callers with local resources for food and household necessities. Drivers are available to deliver supplies to homes and parish-based food pantries. They will also work to help those who have lost their jobs or find themselves unable to pay for basic needs.

Hearts to Serve will provide critical human contact, including prayer, conversation, and resources for support.

Remember all those who work in healthcare, especially:

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| Nancy Wagas | Tess Abraham | Leslie Flores |
| Dinobi Nwosu | George Ann Callinan | Monica Pavon |
| Liz Ortega | Alisa Moniayo | Virginia Waters |
| | Christina Olumba | |

Please do send us the names of those involved in healthcare during these challenging days. (rshaw@stjeromewestchester.org)

Please Pray for the Sick

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Deceased

Condolences are extended to the family and friends

Eduardo Mateo

(Godfather of Nathan Zapata)

David Greenlee

(school parent and husband of Joanne Belgarde)

Margarita Edwards

(Mother of Susan Black)

May they rest in peace



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