

MARCH 19, 2020

ST. JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

A MESSAGE FROM FR. ANTHONY CARBONE, PASTOR

As a result of the pandemic caused by the Coronavirus, Bishop Malesic has suspended the public celebration of Mass and other liturgical services. I will continue to celebrate Mass every daily; however, this will be a private Mass. In addition to offering the Mass for the published intentions, I will be praying for all of you and for the health and safety of all persons. Our parish church will be open for prayer every day – usually from about 9:00AM until 4:00PM. However, those times may vary due to changing circumstances. I will be available to celebrate the Sacrament of Penance (Confession) at the usually scheduled time of 4:00PM on Saturday. If this time is not convenient for you or you are unable to go to Confession at that time, please call the parish office (724-238-6434) in order to make an appointment. Also, in case of emergency, if someone is dying or close to death, please call the parish office to request that a priest visit that person and prayers be offered. On Tuesdays, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed from 3:00PM until 4:00PM. Also, please feel free, especially on Fridays, to come to our church in order to pray the Stations of the Cross.

Bishop Malesic asks you to keep those who are suffering in the current outbreak of sickness and all those who are ill in your prayers. To stay continuously updated with communications, recommendations, and actions taken by the Diocese of Greensburg to combat the spread of the coronavirus, text “Faith” to the number 724-305-3057 to sign up for important text message alerts. Up to the minute communication is available on all diocesan social media outlets – Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram – and at www.dioceseofgreensburg.org/healthalerts.

The parish needs your continued financial and material support at this time. If you are able, please send through the mail or drop off your envelopes at the parish office. Soon we will have electronic giving in place – please take a look on our webpage for the link. Thank you for your generosity to the parish and to the Diocese of Greensburg. We are well on our way to meeting the goal for the 2020 Diocesan Lenten Appeal.

Bulletins will be available in church, but please remember that you can access the bulletin on our parish webpage. Looking ahead to Palm Sunday (April 5), palms will be available in the church, also.