

Holy Name of Jesus Church

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Dear Parishioners,

We live in challenging times, times that invite us to call upon our faith. With serious concerns about the corona virus (COVID-19) Bishop Gainer has joined all of the Bishops of Pennsylvania in dispensing the faithful from the obligatory Mass attendance on Sunday at this time.

We will however hold all scheduled Masses and devotions as posted. For those who will not be attending Mass this weekend there are several opportunities to participate in Mass at home. EWTN and other programs available through the cable system or internet service have regular broadcast Masses. Our weekly bulletin is posted to the website **www.holynameofjesus.com** to keep you in contact. It is important that parishioners follow the advice of our dedicated professional medical community. Most especially those who are elderly, ill or with compromised immune systems need to avoid risk of infection and remain home.

The Christian faithful have always used these difficult moments to turn to prayer. We have a long tradition of calling upon our Blessed Mother and the saints to intercede for us, and to pray for those who are sick. Let us also remember those who spend their lives in service to others, especially those in the medical community who are on the front lines of caring for the vulnerable.

O God, who willed that our infirmities be borne by your Only Begotten Son to show the value of human suffering, listen in kindness to our prayers for our brothers and sisters who are sick; grant that all who are oppressed by pain, distress or other afflictions may know that they are chosen among those proclaimed blessed and are united to Christ in his suffering for the salvation of the world. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.
(From the Roman Missal, Mass for the Sick)

Our Lady, Health of the Sick, pray for us!

Sincerely yours,

Fr. Edward J. Quinlan
Pastor