

To all Parishioners & Friends of Resurrection Parish:

Sending my deepest prayers and best thoughts to all of you during these challenging times. May you have the strength to continue to take good care of each other in your households while still looking out for the needs of extended family, neighbors and those requiring special assistance. Try to employ prayerful, positive and encouraging support to all at home, especially the children and the seniors.

Mentioning often all the good things that you have, and naming these aloud in prayer of thanks to God can be helpful – especially when beginning a new day or bringing this one to a conclusion. When getting discouraged: refer back to your list of “thankfulness”. These can’t be stated aloud often enough.

Being here in our empty church this morning is both sobering and sad yet every symbol throughout this building is a reminder of the light overcoming the darkness and ultimately new life overcoming even death.

If you have not yet had the opportunity to go to the website for St. Philip the Apostle Church, Clifton for Masses each day, Services and other spiritual presentations, please do. (Just “google” St. Philip the Apostle Church, Clifton then hit “website” and it all appears. Even I can find it!)

Pastor, Fr. Joe Garbarino and Parochial Vicar, Fr. Matt Jasniewicz are 2 of our finest diocesan priests. For 10 years I served as Parochial Vicar for Fr. Joe at St. Pius X, Montville. He now has his Doctorate in Spirituality (recently presented our Parish “Day of Reflection”) and is assisted by Fr. Matt (one of our newer priests) who truly is a technology genius! This is the best site I can give you for your spiritual lives during these times not being able to gather here in Resurrection Church.

I continue to pray for you all daily at “private Mass” and continue to follow the Diocesan, NJ State and Morris County directives. You will be kept “up-to-date” on all of this periodically.

Fr. Tarantino