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## ST. PATRICK'S / ANNE'S / HOPKINS PARK NEWS & NOTES

### MARCH 20, 2020

Dear Friends of the Mailing List:

In my homily this weekend, I reference the anthropologist Bronislaw Malinowski (1965), who calls religion the “great anxiety reliever,” asserting that it functions to relieve anxiety caused by crisis. According to Malinowski, religion provides individuals with the means for dealing with extraordinary phenomena; it functions to restore normalcy.

We are going to need religion, especially in the present times. The bishop just suspended all public Church activities through Easter...

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That said, as pastors of local communities (again my homily this weekend), I have an obligation and joy to help you any way I can, to allow God to speak through me and to tell you that you are not alone in this journey. Towards that end, I have decided to put

on YouTube once again the Mass for the Fourth Sunday of Lent and the Lenten Reflection I was going to offer this weekend for your consideration...

## HOLY MASS FOR THE 4TH SUNDAY OF LENT (CELEBRATED BY FR. PETE JANKOWSKI)

## LENTEN REFLECTION (BY FR. PETE JANKOWSKI)

The homily for this weekend's Mass focuses on spiritual blindness, specifically us *forgetting* to turn to God when we encounter difficult times. Especially NOW, WE NEED EACH OTHER! Christ established the Church on the cross so that we do not have to endure these sufferings alone. We need to pray for each other and help each other, however we can. Today, I am celebrating my first outdoor funeral for a group of folks grieving over the loss of a loved one. The funeral has to take place outside because we cannot be in an enclosed space together at this time. I will do what I can to help, however I can.

We also will provide "Curbside Communion" for those who wish the sacrament. If you want confession, stop by in your car, put down your window and there I am! I will be standing in front of the church to distribute communion to whomever wants it. I will also leave the Church open for those who wish to pray. Perhaps this would be a good time to hone up on your rosary skills, especially with your family, for the benefit of those who suffer.

I also promise to celebrate daily Mass for your intentions. Whatever the intentions were on the parish calendar, I will honor them at the private Masses. I also am working with a couple folks to "sing" the Passion for Palm Sunday and Good Friday, to post them on to YouTube so that we can keep the spirit of the season alive. More to come on that later.

Please don't forget to support your local Churches as well! We depend on your support and we certainly wish to keep serving you, both now and when we get through this present struggle (and, like all things, we will get through this struggle together).

## ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH

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## ST. ANNE'S CHURCH

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## SACRED HEART MISSION

Website: [www.sacredheartpembroke.org](http://www.sacredheartpembroke.org)

You can support Sacred Heart by accessing their Online Giving Link by [CLICKING HERE](#).

Don't lose hope! Especially in times of struggle, don't forget about God! Now is a time ripe for Satan to do his bidding. With a humble, loving heart, we all realize that our purpose is not longevity in life but an everlasting life with God on the other side. If we keep doing right by God, on the other side will be a life of peace and "normalcy" in the best existence we could ever envision.

You are all doing great! Please know I am praying for all of you!!!

God Bless,

## **Rev. Peter G. Jankowski**

*Gloria Dei Vivens Homo (The Glory of God is Living in Man)*

- *St. Irenaeus of Lyons*

## **Parish Bulletins:**

To access the Parish Bulletin for St. Patrick's Church (March 21-22, 2020), [CLICK HERE!!!](#)

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## **Fr. Pete's Homilies:**

To access Fr. Pete's Homily for this weekend, [CLICK HERE!!!](#)

To access all of Fr. Pete's homilies, [CLICK HERE!!!](#)

## **Pulpit Announcements:**

1. If anyone would like to receive Fr. Pete's weekly News & Notes (which includes bulletins, homilies and parish information online), please include your email address on the sign-up sheet in the back of church.
2. If you have any needs, please contact our parish offices. We will be most willing to help.
3. If permitted on Palm Sunday, I will bless a limited number of palms to distribute to those who drive to the church. I will handle all the palms myself.
4. Per the bishop's instruction, all parish activities have been cancelled through Easter (save what we do online!!! Yay!!!)

# Please Pray for the Sick:

Ron Gall (who was released from the hospital on Thursday! Yay again!)

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Blessings on your day...