



My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Holy Week is upon us... and it is a far cry different from what we expected at the beginning of Lent! Remember, though, that there are two different kinds of sacrifice we can offer to God: 1) the type we choose to give to the Lord; 2) the type that is *given to us*. While the first is good (choosing to give something up), the second is better – if we surrender our sufferings to the Lord – because with the sufferings given to us, we have to sacrifice our *will*. While we may or may not have been good at the sacrifices we chose, the big question is whether we surrendered to the will of God in the sacrifices that were thrust upon us?

On this Palm Sunday, you may want to know how to get palms. The Diocese has said that we are not to distribute palms today. If our palms survive, we will distribute them at a later date, once we are past this crisis.

I encourage you to watch the Mass on Sundays (Catholic TV, EWTN, numerous Masses online). I have not been consistent with livestreaming my Masses, but I have done it a couple of times for Facebook. I continue to upload my daily homilies onto our website and Facebook page, as well as share my thoughts for the day.

During the Easter Triduum (Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil) and **Easter Sunday**, there will be **no Adoration**. We will have the **Triduum** celebrations at the scheduled times. I ask, however, that you respect the Bishop's (and my) request that they be private – for everyone's safety. I am going to attempt to livestream them on Facebook, and we are asking permission to get them broadcast live on Pelham Television. As usual, the Holy Thursday celebration will be at 7:00pm, Good Friday, at 3:00pm, with Stations at 7:00pm, and Easter Vigil at 7:30pm. **We invite you to unite yourselves prayerfully to these celebrations from your homes, but please respect that they need to be private, as directed by the Church.**

During Holy Week, a reminder that I will be available for Confessions: Monday from 11am-1pm, and 5pm-7pm, Tuesday at 10am, Wednesday at 7pm; Thursday at 9am, and Friday from noon-2:45pm.

Also, a reminder that the Divine Mercy Novena begins this week... and don't we need Divine Mercy right now!!! As usual, the Novena begins on Good Friday and goes until Divine Mercy Sunday. Obviously, you can pray the Novena from the comfort of your home. For more information, go to: www.thedivinemercy.org/message/devotions/novena. It has a link to how to pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet, as well as links to each day of the Novena (on the right).

Please keep St. Patrick Parish and me in your prayers. If you are able, please continue to support St. Patrick with your charitable giving (either by sending in your envelopes or electronic giving – a link can be found on the right side of our webpage www.stpatricks-pelham.com/). Know that my prayers are for you every day.

With much love from your father,

Fr. Ven