



Re. Impact of the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) on our Parish

Dear Parishioners:

I would like to take this opportunity to reach out to you as your Pastor of St. Patrick's Parish during this novel coronavirus (COVID-19) epidemic. I am concerned with the health and well-being of our parishioners of St. Patrick's and I pray that the Lord protects us all and especially those of us who are vulnerable or who care for the sick.

I want to assure you that our parish is carefully following the Liturgical Protocol put into effect by the Archdiocese of Kingston to minimize the risk of infection through our liturgical practices. The Archdiocese remains vigilant and continues to obtain information daily from the local, provincial and federal health authorities.

As the situation evolves, the Archdiocese of Kingston, in consultation with other dioceses, reviews its protocol. For information on the measures the Archdiocese has taken and to find inspiration in the spiritual guidance resources it suggests to us, we invite you to regularly visit its website at www.romancatholic.kingston.on.ca and to subscribe to its electronic Newsletter "Weekly News Bulletin" by sending a request to Elisabeth Santos, at reception@romancatholic.kingston.on.ca

At the parish level, we would also like to stay in close communication with you by updating our parish website daily @ www.stpatricksnapanee.ca and following us on facebook "stpatricksnapanee". If not already done so, we would appreciate it if you could forward your e-mail address to the parish office at stpatrick.napanee@gmail.com, in order to allow us to be able to communicate important information to you.

I do have the delicate task of addressing the question of the financial impact of the suspension of Sunday Liturgies because of the pandemic. As you well know, our parish relies enormously on the Sunday collection to pay its expenses and any other sources of revenue such as hall rental or other fundraising events are not existent at this time.

I understand that we are living in a time of crisis and we are all touched in one way or another by COVID-19. In prayer, we invite you to evaluate how you can continue to financially support our parish to ensure that it can carry on. In total, our parish needs an approximate revenue of \$2,000.00 per week to cover the basic expenses. While we truly understand that some may need to scale back at this time, perhaps other may be able to do a little bit more.

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If you are in a position to support your parish at this time, there are a number of methods available to facilitate this:

- a) By mailing cheques to the following address: St. Patrick's Parish, 179 West Street, Napanee, Ontario, K7R 2P6 or drop off at the mail box located at the side of the Rectory (please do not provide cash for security measures)
- b) By signing up for monthly automatic debit donations via the parish's financial institution with the withdrawal taking place the first day of each month. Attached are the instructions and the form to fill out to enroll for an automatic debit from your account. You can drop off the forms in the mail box or mail into the office. Please note that amounts can be amended and withdrawals can be stopped at any time, upon request.
- c) Contact the parish office if you have any questions, special needs or if we can be of assistance in any way. You can reach us by phone at 613-354-3039 and by email at stpatrick.napanee@gmail.com.
- d) We are currently exploring the use of e-transfers and will continue to look at other methods of deposit to make it as simple as possible.

My dear parishioners, let us continue to practice solidarity during these trying times and participate in our own way in the healing ministry of Christ. It is truly understandable that this can be a very stressful and trying time for many of us and if you are feeling the need to speak with someone, please e-mail the office including your name and telephone number and we will make arrangements for you to speak with someone.

My sincere thank you for your attention in this matter and please know that my prayers and my thoughts are with you.

Sincerely in Christ,



Fr. Marek Chochrek

Attachment: Instructions and form for monthly automatic debit donations can be downloaded from our webpage @ www.stpatricksnapanee.ca or can be e-mail to you at your request

You can download the files below

[1. Direct Deposit \(1\)](#)

[2. Direct Deposit \(2\)](#)

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