

“Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.” Joshua 1:9

Dear Friends,

By now many of you will have heard that late this afternoon, a directive was sent out from Bishop Stokes instructing all churches in the Diocese of New Jersey to suspend all church services for the foreseeable future as a way to help combat the Coronavirus. While this is very sad, it is out of concern for both the parishioners of the diocese as well as the larger community. We will all need to work together to slow the spread of this disease and hopefully lessen its severity.

Although in-person services will not be held, we are currently working on a couple of options for sharing weekly services online instead. Our hope is to be able to live-stream a full service for you at 9:30 this Sunday morning. While we usually gather together in one place on Sunday mornings, if technology is on our side, we will at least be able to gather together from our own separate places for the service. At very least, the bulletin, announcements, and readings will be on the Holy Trinity website for you to view. Please check our website (www.holytrinity.us) periodically this weekend for updated information.

With the exception of the vestry meeting, which will still be held on Monday night at 7:30 p.m. (for anyone comfortable attending), all other Holy Trinity (and Liberti) church activities will be suspended until further notice. Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) and Narcotics Anonymous (NA) will continue to meet on Monday and Wednesday nights respectively.

During this Lenten season of forced seclusion, let's take the time to focus on growing spiritually. Prayer, scripture reading, and spiritual studies can become more the focus of our lives. Resources are also available on the Holy Trinity website.

And for the time being, let's try to keep in touch via email, phone calls, and maybe even some snail mail! If you know of any needs within the parish, or if you, yourself need anything, please contact the office at 856-858-0491, or me personally at 856-354-5039. I will be checking both phone messages and emails regularly.

Until we're able to be together again in person...*“May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.” Romans 15:13*

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