



FROM THE PASTOR  
THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
June 28, 2020

Dear Parishioners:

As I write this letter to you there have only been two Sundays in which public Mass has been offered and Holy Communion. The Bishop has granted a dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass on Sunday. For those who are ill or who have other compromised health issues, please remain at home.

At present, Mass is offered on Saturday evening at 5PM and on Sunday morning at 8.30 and 10.30. Confessions are heard from 4 to 4.45 on Saturday. Weekday Mass is celebrated in the Church at 9.00AM each Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, and the First Friday and First Saturday of each month at 9.00AM Please note there is no weekday Mass on Thursday or Friday (other than First Friday).

These days have been most difficult for us all, and so we turn to the Mercy of God and His Holy Mother. All the while Mass was suspended our Church was open each day from 9 to 5 and still is. Be sure to visit Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament.

Many have quite correctly said that things will never be the same. That is true. But it does not mean that things will be worse, merely different. God permits evil only to draw from it greater good. And thus, we see that the schedule in the Church has changed as schedules have changed everywhere. This weekend we add on an additional Mass, and thus two Masses will be offered on each Sunday and one on Saturday evening.

Some sad news was announced this week, three more Catholic Grammar schools will close this year. They are victims of declining enrollment and lack of funds. They are St. Peter of Alcantara in Port Washington, Our Lady of Wisdom in Port Jefferson, and Christ the King in Commack. Last year two Catholic Grammar Schools closed, St. Joseph in Ronkonkoma and All

Saints Regional in Glen Cove. We pray that these children will be blessed with the wisdom that comes from above.

We extend sincere gratitude for all of you for your great generosity to the parish and may God reward your goodness.

May God bless each of you, and may Mary, Health of the Sick pray for us all.

In Jesus and Mary,  
Monsignor Pereda