

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent**

**March 22, 2020**

**Entrance Antiphon for Monday of the 4<sup>th</sup> Week of Lent:**

**As for me, I trust in the Lord.**

**Let me be glad and rejoice in Your mercy**

**For You have seen my affliction.**

**My dear Parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi Parish and Welcome to any visitors from near or far!**

**Peace to your hearts, to your homes and to your families! SHALOM!**

**As I celebrate a “private” Mass each day in an empty Church, I nonetheless can picture many of your faces as I look out into the Church. I see your faces where you ordinarily sit. And so, I bring you along with myself as I enter into the Mystery of the Eucharist. When I receive the Precious Body and Blood of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, I offer to you a spiritual Communion. I lift you up before the Face of Almighty God and pray for your well-being, your welfare and your special needs at this most difficult of times. As often as I find myself in the Church, I pray for you all. I include you in the Rosary, in the Divine Mercy Chaplet, in the Liturgy of the Hours, in the Angelus and when I walk the Stations of the Cross. I do miss “Father” Dravyn and “Father” Ayden to help carry the Cross as they so faithfully have done on the Fridays of Lent.**

**Please take a look at the abbreviated bulletin that is available. There are Lenten thoughts and prayers that may be of assistance at this time of crisis. There is a Marian prayer that I have prayed over the years that might assist you in your daily prayer life at this critical time.**

**We fly to your patronage O Holy Mother of God,  
Despise not our petitions and necessities,  
But deliver us always  
From all dangers  
O Glorious and Blessed Virgin Mary!**

**We are all in this together as a family – Church and physical. Please pray for me as I do for you.**

**May the Lord Bless you and keep you always in His loving care!**