

Easter 2020

My dear Parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi Parish,

May the Lord grant you His Peace, Joy and Love in your heart, in your families and in your homes!

Who would believe that we would find ourselves in the midst of a pandemic that has just about closed down our World, our Nation, our States and our cities? It is absolutely unbelievable! Since the Diocese in which we live has been closed down for these past few weeks, it is hard to look out at an empty Church as I celebrate Mass each day. You are there with me. I see your faces and your smiles and yes, see a few heads nodding off during my homilies! I continue to visualize your faces as I celebrate other liturgical events such as the Stations of the Cross on Friday when Deacon Bruce and I walk the Stations together, Sunday afternoons of Lent when I sing (please don't laugh, yes I sing by myself), the Polish Lamentations in English along with the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. I pray the Liturgy of the Hours in the main Church rather in the Rectory Chapel since I want to be able to "feel" the presence of you my parishioners as I remember you all in prayer. Who would have ever thought of a Lent so intense? I guess many of us ask the questions when will it end and will we ever get back to "normal"? I believe that even non-spiritual, non-religious individuals are doing some soul searching and are involved in some sort of prayer beseeching God to have mercy on us all and to bring a cessation to the spread of this invisible enemy "coronavirus - COVID - 19"! I pray God that His mercy will spread all over our land, all over our lives and all over the World. So be it, Amen, Alleluia!

Despite what is happening with this insidious virus, I wish you my Parishioners Easter Blessings of Much Happiness, Good Health and Profound Holiness and from the bottom of my heart Peace - SHALOM! My love and my prayers are with you all during this crisis until our lives are made whole again!

