



Dear Parishioners:

**This weekend we observe the Third Sunday of Easter... and the Sixth Sunday of Pandemic Exile!** There are still no public Masses and no Holy Communion for the Faithful. We have recently learned that school is closed for the remainder of the school year. **Our students will not be returning to the classroom any more this academic year.** That means our graduates will not be able to observe the usual traditions as they complete their schooling, which is sad. I am very impressed, however, with how well our St. Andrew School students and faculty have continued the learning process remotely and have not let the difficult circumstances interrupt their education! **We do not know what conditions may prevail in the Fall when the next school year begins, but we do know there will not be an increase in tuition.** With all of the economic hardship resulting from the pandemic, I did not want to increase the burden on our school families by raising tuition.

**As we wait for an official beginning of the "reopening" of the State of Ohio, we are given some hope that our churches may soon be opening up again also.** At this time, we do not know when this will happen or exactly how it will happen. We can only speculate. But one thing is certain – it will take place gradually, slowly, and not all at once. **We will not return to normal right away. There will still be strict social distancing requirements.** It will still be necessary to avoid close contact, to use face masks, to use sanitizer and disinfectant. Those in higher-risk categories will be urged to stay at home. I suspect that the number of people permitted in the church at any given time will be limited in some way. **The sign of peace and communion from the cup will remain suspended.** We should probably expect that public worship will not be the way they used to be for quite some time.

**I do want to remind you that even though Mass and other sacraments are not currently being celebrated publicly, it is still possible, if necessary, to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation by appointment.** Those who have need of this sacrament and are not currently ill may call the priests here at St. Andrew's and arrange a private appointment for confession. Of course, all precautions must be observed.

**May all of you be strengthened in faith, hope, and love as we continue to make our way together through this unusual and uncertain time!**

Your Pastor,  
Msgr. Stephan Moloney