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Dear people of Our Lady of Perpetual Help & St. Catherine of Siena

These times are a trying. I believe this was a line out of a Beatles' song or may be a Jan and Paul song but whatever song it came from it states the mood as it exists. I never would have thought that in my lifetime we would be telling the faithful that we would not have Mass in the foreseeable future. I always thought and felt that in times of crisis the church is where you should be. However, I do understand the need to create "social distance" we want to be safe and hopefully stop the spread of the coronavirus. Please know that while we will not gather for Mass I will be praying for you and for your health. You too, as Bishop Robert McClory has told us, can practice our faith by prayer, fasting, acts of charity, looking at the Mass on TV, Mercy Home Mass on WGN at 9:30 am on Sunday or on EWTN. You can also gather as a family and pray together the Rosary or read Sacred Scripture.

I will say Holy Mass Every Sunday through Friday at 10:00 am and at 4:00 pm on Saturday in the evening. We will live stream these Masses on our web site **olphparish.net** as well as YouTube. If you have a Mass intention that you would like to have said, please let Mari know. The offering is ten dollars. All Mass intentions that we currently have will be honored.

I will also offer confession on Wednesdays of Lent at 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm in the evening as well as Saturday at 3:00 pm. We must however keep the "social distance" and no more than ten people in the church at one time. I will also, every day at Noon until 1:00 pm, I will be praying before the Blessed Sacrament, Our Lord. You may join me if you like again keeping the "social distance" and no more than ten people in the Church.

In regard to First Communion and Confirmation, we are examining what options we may have. Baptism, Weddings and Funerals can be done but with close family members only, again keeping the number to only 10 people and yes you know it's coming, keeping the "social distance."

While there is no Faith Formation at this time, we ask that you please keep teaching your children the faith. You are the first and best teachers of the faith for them. We will provide on the website or if you like we can put some materials together to give to you from the office to help you in this effort.

I would ask that you prayerfully consider sending in your parish support. We will not have a source of income during this time, and the bills must be paid. This would be much appreciated.

Let us keep each other in our prayers. We will get through this and we will do this together with the help of God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit. You are as always in my prayers.

In the service of Christ
Fr. Charles A. Mosely