



Saint John Vianney Church

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Thursday of the Fourth Week of Lent, March 26, 2020

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

I am happy to share the following news about new spiritual exercises:

1. Papal Blessing to the Faithful on Friday, March 27, 2020 at 1:00 PM

Our Holy Father Pope Francis will bestow a Special Blessing with a Plenary Indulgence to the worldwide faithful on Friday, March 27, 2020 at 1:00 PM our time (Rome time 6:00 PM)

While this special papal blessing with a plenary indulgence (called *Urbi et Orbi* Blessings) is generally bestowed at Christmastime and Eastertime, the Holy Father - in response to the spiritual needs of the faithful throughout world during the worldwide pandemic - will impart the special papal blessing.

For more information about the Papal Blessings and Plenary Indulgences, kindly consult our parish website at www.sjvgladwyne.com.

2. Sacrament of Confession Available on Monday, March 30th, at St. John Vianney

We want to make the grace of the Sacrament of Penance available to our people. So, the Sacrament of Penance will be available on **Monday, March 30, 2020, from 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM at Church.**

We have put in place the following helpful procedure to ensure everyone's safety and in order to make the grace of the sacrament available to our people:

Fr. Donovan will be sitting near the **handicap side entrance** of the Church. Parishioners in their car can enter the parking lot like normal from Conshohocken State Road and form a line with their cars. The line will stop at the turn by the garage. Then, cars can advance forward one at a time for confession.

When it is your turn for confession, drive forward along the side of the Church where Father awaits at the side handicap entrance (traffic cones will keep a safe space between Father and the vehicle) and

slightly roll down your window so that Father can hear you. After confession, roll your window back up and exit the parking lot as normal.

Since the weather forecast was rain for Friday and Saturday, we have scheduled the extraordinary opportunity for Confessions on Monday, March 30.

Please avail yourself of the great spiritual graces which this great Sacrament of Healing has to restore us and strengthen us in these difficult days!

3. Virtual Stations of the Cross: March 27, 2020, Friday at 7:00 PM

The Stations of the Cross are a very special devotion, especially in the Lenten Season, by which we meditate on the Passion of Christ, successively for fourteen stations.

While we are not able to physically gather for this Lenten devotion, we'll "gather" via Zoom to pray the Stations of the Cross and hear this week's reflection prepared by parishioner Ed Tufaro. I'm grateful to our Stations team (Steven Sukanob, Cara Latham, and Alicia McGowan) for organizing this special devotion.

How can you join us virtually? Using your computer, your lap top, your tablet, or cell phone, please click the link: <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/5653183191>. If prompted for meeting ID, enter: 565-318-3191. Then, you will be one of our up to 500 participants.

Once you've loaded the software and the Stations begin, please "Mute" your microphone (lower left-hand corner of your screen) unless you are the "leader" that was selected to read that Station. This Lenten devotion through the internet has been made possible using Zoom, which is a video conferencing app that can easily be loaded onto your computer or iPhone. Please click this link about 5 minutes before 7:00 PM to tune in on Friday night at 7 PM.

4. Selection of Sacred Hymns

During this worldwide pandemic, people have sought connection and solidarity through the international language of music. Attached are a few hymns recorded by our own Director of Sacred Music. I am grateful to Cara for sharing her gift of music. May this sacred music be a source of hope and joy, knowing that you are a treasured member of our faith community!

[**O God You Search Me**](#)

[**Open My Eyes**](#)

[**Turn My Heart**](#)

You Alone

Keep safe! God bless you!

Devotedly yours in our Lord Jesus Christ,
Fr Bill Donovan, Pastor