HOLY FAMILY CHURCH WILL BE OPEN FOR PRIVATE PRAYER BEGINNING MONDAY, MAY 18, 2020 See hours and regulations below.

Dear Parishioners and Friends:

Beginning Monday, May 18, 2020, Holy Family Church will be open Monday thru Friday for limited hours for those who wish to use the Church building for private prayer.

To ensure everyone's safety, the bishop has posted directives that all churches must follow:

- Faithful from at risk groups as identified by CDC/NJ DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH should remain at home
- The number of visitors at one time will be limited to no more than 10, according to NJ state guidelines and social distancing (minimum of 6 feet between visitors) is to be observed
- Seating has been reserved to facilitate cleaning after each visitor and to maintain a safe distance between visitors
- There will be regular sanitation of the church after each visitor
- All visitors are required to wear masks
- Please enter through the side doors by the large parking lot. If the door is locked, the church is at capacity and an usher will allow people in when space is available
- Please wait behind the blue line and no gathering at entrance, steps, or parking lots
- Public restroom facilities will be closed as a preventive health measure

The church will be open Monday, Wednesday, and Friday morning from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. and Tuesday and Thursday evening from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

If anyone has spare disinfectant wipes to donate, you may provide them to the usher at church.

There will be a collection box at the top of the church stairs to drop off your Sunday envelopes.

This is just the beginning. It is my hope that since we have been able to join in prayer, we will also soon be permitted to resuming the sacraments, the social life of the parish, and continue to doing the work of Holy Family Parish that God has called us to do.

God Bless, Rev. Matthew J. Pfleger

Covid-19: A Prayer of Solidarity

For all who have contracted the corona virus, We pray for care and healing.

For those who are particularly vulnerable, We pray for safety and protection.

For all who experience fear or anxiety, We pray for peace of mind and spirit.

For affected families who are facing difficult decisions between food on the table or public safety,

We pray for policies that recognize their plight.

For those who do not have adequate health insurance, We pray that no family will face financial burdens alone.

For those who are afraid to access care due to immigration status, We pray for recognition of the God-given dignity of all.

For our brothers and sisters around the world, We pray for shared solidarity.

For public officials and decision makers, We pray for wisdom and guidance.

Father, during this time may your Church be a sign

of hope, comfort and love to all.

Grant peace.
Grant comfort.
Grant healing.
Be with us, Lord.

Amen.

