

A MESSAGE FROM OUR RECTOR

MARCH 16, 2020

Dear Friends,

Your Vestry met today and decided to suspend all in-person gatherings and meetings. They approved the purchase of a software product called ZOOM that will allow us to meet virtually. I hope to have it up and running in the next day or so. They also decided that we would continue with Sunday worship unless the Bishop stopped all in-person worship.

As you will see below, that has happened. Last night (Sunday March 15) Bishop Hollingsworth sent the letter halting all in-person worship and meetings/gatherings other than feeding programs and self-help groups. My heart breaks at this state of affairs, however, my experience as a nurse tells me it is the prudent thing to do.

I ask your prayers as we work through what this means to us as the community of Grace and as part of the Diocese of Ohio and the national church.

I ask your prayers for all those affected by COVID-19, whether it is physical, emotional, economic and/or spiritual. In particular please pray for the children that because of no school, will be food insecure and hungry.

I ask your prayers for the homeless, that they may find shelter during the closing of all of the places where they have found respite in the past. Also please pray for Mother Vanessa of St. James, Painesville, as she works to bring about a coalition that will find a solution to this problem in Painesville in particular.

Know that I am here for you all as you need me – by phone or in person (using safe social distancing and proper sanitation, of course). You all are in my heart and in my prayers.

Stay tuned for updates on Zoom and coming together virtually.

Peace and blessings

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