

Dear Brother and Sisters,

It is hard to believe how COVID-19 has so suddenly impacted our community, our nation and our entire world. I pray that God grants us the courage and strength to get through this pandemic. Fr. Jim and I are doing everything we can to continue ministering to our parish family. We will be live streaming Mass from our altar, and our first Mass will be Thursday, March 19th at 7:30pm to celebrate the Feast of St. Joseph. More information, including the link to live stream the Mass will be posted on the St. Francis de Sales Church Facebook page shortly.

These are indeed trying times for all of us. One thing is absolutely clear; we will need to support one another to get through this difficult period. Fr. Jim and I are committed to doing everything we can to help our parish family, but we will need your help. With no Masses, there is no offertory collection. The weekly collection is the only consistent revenue source for our parish. To keep our lifeline going, I am asking every parishioner to enroll in eGiving. *Faith Direct* is a convenient and secure electronic giving program that will enable you to continue giving to St. Francis de Sales from the safety of your home.

Through *Faith Direct*, you can make all of your contributions to St. Francis de Sales automatically from your checking account or credit card – just as you do with your mortgage, household bills, and other monthly payments.

You can review the enrollment process by clicking on the YouTube video link below – it gives you a quick look at how easy it is to enroll and manage your account.

<https://youtu.be/0j1njMIUxEQ>

I urge you to enroll right now. The process is simple and straightforward, and will ensure that our parish remains as vibrant and active as before COVID-19. You can use this online enrollment form at <https://membership.faithdirect.net/NY741>.

For more information, you can also visit the *Faith Direct* website at <https://www.faithdirect.net/>, email info@faithdirect.net, or call 866-507-8757 to speak with someone directly. In addition, parishioner Greg Bender is available to assistance.

Thank you so much for considering eGiving to support our parish, and may God bless you and your loved ones. St. Francis de Sales, pray for us!

In His Name,

Very Reverend William F. Sweeney
Pastor