

Dear Parish Members:

The public worship gatherings, including Mass, Stations, Benediction, Group Penance Services have all been suspended for an indefinite period of time. It is *likely* at this point to anticipate this *will* include the *Triduum and Easter!* I will be saying daily Mass but it is a private Mass for the intentions that have been scheduled already in addition for the spiritual well-being of St. Philip and St. Lawrence Parishes.

The Church of St. Philip and St. Lawrence will be open for private visits and private devotions between 7:30 am and 7:30 pm daily. You are welcome to honor the Blessed Sacrament with personal prayer. You are welcome to pray novenas, rosaries, meditation and contemplation, Sacred Scripture reading as you are able to do individually.

Home-based, individual and family prayer is strongly encouraged. Rosary, Biblical reading and reflection, Catholic Prayer Novena, and other personal and family devotions accent the Christian base for your life. Let this time of struggle in our Church and society, be supportive and optimistic through prayer, sacrifice and offering your help to neighbors and others who are obviously struggling and alone. As we put our faith into action, we can witness a strong unity of spirit and welcome to the experience of our vulnerable nature. We struggle together. Let us offer up our difficulties and inconveniences and transform them into 'redemptive pain' offered up for the salvation of the world.

Check the parish website ([www.stlawrencealbion.org](http://www.stlawrencealbion.org)) for updates, bulletin publications, and look for changes as we become permitted to resume open, public prayer and community celebration. Thank you for your patience, prayer, and continued support. Attempts are being made to live stream Sunday Masses <https://www.facebook.com/groups/StLawrenceLife/> . The Diocesan website is also available for information [www.erieRCD.org](http://www.erieRCD.org)

I am available for emergency calls and for confessions at regular scheduled times. In case of a death, we are permitted to have a funeral service for the deceased and allow family members to be present in addition to the funeral service personnel.

Fr. Jim Kennelley  
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