

## List of things we "CAN" do!

We can participate in the Live Daily Televised Mass with the Bishop on YouTube at Noon every day. The weekend Mass not live. (The link is posted on our FB page)

[www.youtube.com/syrdio](http://www.youtube.com/syrdio) or

**WSYR - Ch. 9** – Syracuse, Sundays at 6:30 am

**WKTV - Ch. 2** – Utica, Sundays at 6:00 am

**Spectrum Cable Public Access Channel Syracuse Ch. 98** - Saturdays at 8:30 pm

**Spectrum Cable Rome Ch. 99** - Thursdays at 6:30 pm

We may make a visit to the St. Joseph's Church to practice private prayer to Read the Bible, Pray the Rosary, Walk the Stations of the Cross or Recite the Divine Mercy Chaplet. Please sign in upon visiting and dress warmly to help us keep heat cost down.

We ask that you keep to the CDC recommendation of 10 people & practice social spacing (6 feet apart), remain in one particular location during your visit and bring your own disinfecting wipes and hand sanitizers to wipe down the pews upon entering and departing the Church. Rosaries are available as well as pamphlets for devotions. If you use or need an item, please take it home to use and for your next visit. (We can't sanitize each item) If you have a small bottle for Holy Water you may fill it from the spigot (use the wipes before & after) Be assured the church will be sanitized every evening.

Father will be coming and going from the Church throughout the day, perhaps he will be doing a private devotion, if so, please feel free to join in. If you are a larger group of not more than 10 please call the office to schedule a time. If desired Father Ward is willing to expose the Blessed Sacrament for private adoration. Please call Father Ward at 607-343-8494.

Individual Confessions we be heard on Wednesday's from 6:30PM - 7:15PM and Friday's from 5:30PM-6:30PM or by appointment. In order to meet the Diocesan guidelines we will be using the Altar Server Sacristy on the opposite side of the church from the Confessional. A new confessional screen has been added. (Please use social spacing while waiting and use the supplies provided to sanitize before and after your confession.)

If you know someone who needs the Anointing of the Sick for serious reasons don't hesitate to call Father Ward at 607-343-8494.

Stay informed by visiting the Christ Our Hope Parish FB Page and clicking on "follow" for future updates. The parish website is [christourhoperc.org](http://christourhoperc.org).

If you are able, feel free to continue to support our parish by using the online giving button on the parish website or dropping off your donation to the Parish Office. If you have any questions or concerns please call 315-942-4618.

**Rev. Thomas I. Ward**

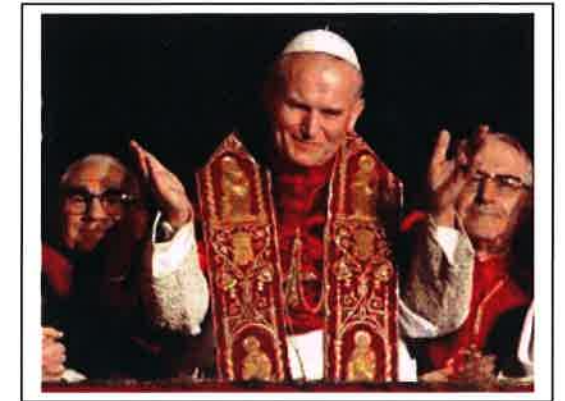
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Dear Friends in Christ,

I know this is a challenging time for us all and it is easy to be tempted to fear and despair. I invite us all to remember the first words Pope John Paul II proclaimed from the balcony in St. Peter's Square on the evening of his being elected to the papacy: "Be not afraid!" His words of assurance echo the words our Blessed Lord spoke to the disciples who had been overcome with fear while on the sea of Galilee in a boat being thrashed about by strong winds and rising seas. Jesus comes to them amid their fear, walking on the waves and proclaiming to them **"It is I; do not be afraid."** (John 6:20)



St. Peter, one of those in the boat and the first Pope also wrote of the hope that is given to us in Christ: ***You know that you were ransomed with the precious blood of Christ... Through Him you have confidence in God, who raised Him from the dead and gave Him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.*** (1 Peter 1:18,21)

Although we are not permitted to gather for the sacrifice of the Mass, all are welcome and allowed to come to St. Joseph's Church, which is always open, for private prayer and devotions. The present circumstance of having the need for social distancing grants families an opportunity to share some quality time. It is my hope that some of this time would be spent in prayer, reading the Scriptures and watching the Bishop's mass.

Be assured that as I offer a private mass each day, you are all in my heart and on my mind. I will miss you this weekend. Even so, I will continue to intercede for you, that you all find strength in the Lord to endure these present trials in peace and wellbeing.

Grace be with you,

Rev. Thomas I. Ward

Administrator