

St. Joseph on the Brandywine

10 Old Church Road

Wilmington, DE 19807

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Dear Member of our Faith Community:

United with our Holy Father Pope Francis, let us pray in solidarity for our brothers and sisters here and around the world who are sick. Let us pray for those who have lost loved ones to this virus. May God console them and grant them peace.

We invite all to pray the following in our time of need. Lord Jesus, you healed those who were sick and cared for any who were suffering. Be with us now as we pray for all those who may be affected by the Coronavirus.

That our leaders may have the humility and wisdom to enact timely policies that embody compassion for all who will suffer from the coronavirus, especially those who can least afford to deal with its effects, we pray. That we will not allow fear to rule our actions and reactions to the spread of this virus, we pray.

That health-care workers and others who, because of their work, come in contact with people who are infected with this illness may be protected from its effects, we pray.

That those throughout the world who have been infected may be blessed with a speedy and complete recovery, we pray.

That those who have died from the Coronavirus may be raised to new life in heaven, and that their loved ones may know comfort in their grief, we pray.

In this confusing reality we call contemporary society, we hope and pray that the parish will provide a welcomed place where healing and reconciliation are available, and the demands of the Gospel can be lived out.

Out of concern for our parishioners, a *personal* effort was made recently to connect with you by a *personal phone call* during this time; however, we were unsuccessful in doing so. If it's been awhile since you've updated your information, please go online at www.stjosephonthebrandywine.org and update your parish membership under parish registration – we may not have your current telephone number on file.

Through the intercession of the Blessed Mother, we pray for the return of the sacraments and community prayer as we know it. Thank you and God bless you at this time.

Francine A. Harkins

May the peace of God reign in our hearts, that peace to which we are called together as part of one body. In all our words and actions let us give thanks to God our Father, in the name of the Lord Jesus. (Col. 3:15-17)