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Dear St Andrew - St. Elizabeth Ann Seton family,

“Peace be with you.” This past week has been a challenging week for all of us in many ways, yet with faith and hope we trust in our Lord who is with us in these troubling and challenging times.

Yesterday, the Governor of Ohio and the Archbishop of Cincinnati both made statements and gave directives to all of us to help prevent the spread of the coronavirus in our community. We are taking every precaution to keep you safe. The following is information to keep you up-to-date on how our parish is responding at this time:

- All parishioners are dispensed from the obligation of attending Sunday Mass through the end of March. Masses will be celebrated at their normal times, and you are welcome to come. If you are sick or not feeling well, please stay at home. If needed, you can watch Mass at St. Andrew through their live stream, or on EWTN. [Click Here to Watch the St. Andrew Live Stream](#). If you stay at home, please remember that we still need your financial support. You are welcome to make a donation online. (Please to our website at www.setonmilford.org)

You are also welcome to drop off your weekly envelope to the Parish Office anytime during operating hours.

- At Mass, the offering of the Precious Blood from the Communion Chalice as well as the Sign of Peace is discontinued.
- Holy Water will be removed from the stoups at the entrances of church, but there will be Holy Water in the large container in the back of church if you want to fill a bottle and take it home.
- Weekday Masses will still be celebrated at their normal day and time.
- Since school has been cancelled for three weeks, all weekday school Masses with children have been cancelled.

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“The first end I propose in our daily work is to do the will of God,
secondly, to do it in the manner He wills it, and thirdly, to do it because it is His will.”

-Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton



- PRP and RCIA have been cancelled.
- All SMILE Youth Group events have been cancelled.
- Stations of the Cross will still be prayed at each parish on Friday evening at their normal time, with confessions following. (St. Andrew at 6:00pm and St. Elizabeth Ann Seton at 7:30pm).
- Our parish Mission, which has been held at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton parish, has been cancelled.
- Parish Bingos have been cancelled for the month of March.
- Masses at nursing homes and retirement homes have been cancelled.
- The Seton Fish Fry will be held tonight, Friday, March 13, from 5:00pm-7:30pm, with carry out service only. Please see the Seton parish website for more details.
- The parish offices will remain open during this time. If you have questions about any of the above, or more, please call the parish office (St. Andrew: 513-831-3353; St. Elizabeth Ann Seton: 513-575-0119).

Please keep all this in prayer. Now is the time to pray. Now is the time to turn to our Blessed Mother and ask her intercession in these matters. The Church has been through many viruses and plagues in the past, prayer is the most important response, because our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

God bless,
Fr. Michael Cordier
Pastor