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Dear Parents/Guardians:

As the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic continues to be a major issue not only in the United States but worldwide, the Archdiocese of Newark is addressing the issue with consideration to the best interest of all. For example, Archbishop Cardinal Joseph Tobin has cancelled all Sunday and daily Masses indefinitely. The following exceptions are permitted:

- Baptisms, funerals, burial services, and previously scheduled weddings; however, attendance must be limited to a maximum of ten (10) participants, including the celebrant.
- The Anointing of the Sick and Reconciliation will remain available, as needed.

Holy Spirit Church will be open for private prayer and meditation 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. daily. Aside from the obvious – e.g., following guidelines recommended by health and government officials – I strongly encourage prayer.

Please note that **all Archdiocesan Schools will be closed indefinitely**. Additionally, all Archdiocesan Schools Office staff will be working from home effective March 18<sup>th</sup>. Thus, the Schools Office is closed.

At Holy Spirit, virtual learning will continue as per prior notifications. Ms. Lawler and I will mostly work from home for the next two weeks or longer. However, we will be stopping by the school on occasion to take care of essential work that must be done on location. That noted, I strongly encourage that no one drop by the building for any reason. To give a last chance for anyone to stop by for a pick-up of whatever item is left behind, we will be allowing entry/pick-up/exit from 9:30 a.m. to 12 noon on Tuesday, 3/24. Should you have any technical questions regarding the virtual learning taking place, contact your child's teacher, Mr. Hirsch ([phirsch@holyspiritunionnj.org](mailto:phirsch@holyspiritunionnj.org)), or Mr. Ferenc ([aferenc@holyspiritunionnj.org](mailto:aferenc@holyspiritunionnj.org)).

Of course, if you have any other types of questions, contact Ms. Lawler ([klawler@holyspiritunionnj.org](mailto:klawler@holyspiritunionnj.org)) or me ([alamberti@holyspiritunionnj.org](mailto:alamberti@holyspiritunionnj.org)). As always, I will forward informational communiques via emails, Remind texts, or School Messenger calls – or all three at once on an on-going basis.

Thank you for your cooperation, support, and prayers during these difficult times. All of us at Holy Spirit wish all of you and your families the best. Stay safe and healthy. Our prayers are with you.

God bless,

Armand Lamberti