

*Monday, March 23, 2020*

**From Fr Pat**

For the last two or three days I have called a total of about 15 parishioners, mostly older than I, just to stay in touch to see how folks are doing. This is hardly worth bragging about. But I share it with you all to make two or three points

- Everyone I have talked to continue to be in good spirits. They are making the best of a bad situation
  
- Everyone I have spoken to have plenty of people supporting them; calling, making grocery runs; whatever is needed. A number have mentioned fellow parishioners who are helping out.

I am so inspired by all of you. Even in these times, especially if we watch too much news, we can hear about people bickering or acting badly; trying to advantage of these difficult times to look after their own desires. But in the *real* world, the world that is all around us, people still look after each other. We show that we are learning the *real* lessons these times are trying to teach us.

It will take an awful long time for me to call everyone at this rate so please don't be disappointed if you don't hear from me. Let us hope and pray that we will be back together long before that.

So to the final point.

- Remember, if you need anything at all, please do not hesitate call us.

And thank you for the way you inspire me.

Fr P