

## PASTOR'S COLUMN

### *Creating a Waiting Place for God*

When God gives me rest from all those with whom I have difficulty, I sit in my own little prayer spot to relax in remembering. As the memories float to the surface of my consciousness, my own comfortableness invariably is shaken. Wanting to do for God what God has done for me, I look at all I've been given and seek to do something significant in return, such as find a place for God to dwell in comfort and ease. Instead of allowing God to determine the divine site, I am determined to provide one and thus control the God I profess to be founder of all freedom.

Thank God, I am also amused at the prospect. I am so like my predecessors in God's family who were likewise interested in creating a waiting place for God without understanding that God waits everywhere, always, and in all people. God's abode is dynamic. It is a moveable feast, manifest to all who care to see and kept in creative motion by all who comprehend the crucial necessity of journeying into divinity. God is with us. All creation is God's waiting place. All humanity is blessed with divine presence.

The only house God wants is a place in our heart.

These are troubling words that challenge our status quo. Mary of Nazareth in Galilee found them disturbing; so should we. What she was told many years ago is a message for us today as well. "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And not, you will conceive

in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus" (Luke 1:30-31).

Troubling words are marvelously creative. They are meant to shake us from complacency into charity, not to cause us terror. Do not fear. There is no reason to be afraid for we are already blessed, have already found favor with God. Our task, should we choose to accept it, is to conceive and bear the Christ child.

...How can we house a God who cannot be contained?

...The answer is astonishingly simple. We are not in charge of the details. God is.

Our light, our power, will be overshadowed by the far greater, brighter, more intense light of God's powerful Spirit. Whatever is brought forth as a result of this creative collaboration will be holy. That is God's promise, for nothing is impossible with God. Nothing!

There is but one step left to take, and it is a leap into fidelity. ...Birth cannot happen without our consent. The world cries out for a Savior who promises to be God-with-them. ...Will we open our hearts and minds and lips to say, "Here I am, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word" (Luke 1:38)?

Whisper it if need be. Shout it if possible. Pray it always. ...Take a chance on God's ability to house divinity in our humanity. Do not be afraid. For we are highly favored ones. God is with us. We can let it be done according to God's word. Birth will occur. God's waiting place is already being created. We just have to be there to let it happen.

excerpts from Awakening to God, The Sunday Readings in Our Lives, Year B.  
Fran Salone-Pelletier. Twenty-Third Publications

## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

### Sunday, December 21

9:00 a.m. Yolanda Dalessandro (Colleen O'Connell)

11:30 a.m. Paul Heltzel (Hazboun Family);  
All Parishioners Living & Deceased

### Monday, December 22

8:30 a.m. Ruth Bode (Robert & Dorothy Karl)

### Tuesday, December 23

8:30 a.m. Guy Florio (Robert & Dorothy Karl)

### Wednesday, December 24

4:00 p.m. Fred & Rose LaRock (Lenny & Marilyn Hodory)

6:00 p.m. Bud & Josephine Taylor (Tom & Karen Lazor)

11:00 p.m. John Sr. and John Jr. Straface (Family)

### Thursday, December 25

10:00 a.m. John & Betty Zukowski (John & Alice Comyns)

### Saturday, December 27

4:00 p.m. Nick & Lucille Pishotti (Julia Dellimutti);  
All Parishioners Living & Deceased

### Sunday, December 28

9:00 a.m. Tony Kokal (Greg & Susan Kokal)

11:30 a.m. Michael Birskevich (Family)

## SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

**Gn 15: 1-16; 21: 1-3 / Hb 11: 8, 11-12, 17-19**

**/ Lk 2: 22-40**

## IN MEMORIAM

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Edward Joseph O'Hare**, uncle of Jay Bice. May he rest in peace.

## VOCATIONS

"Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word." Without question, Mary followed the way of God. Docile obedience to the Lord's will is the fruit of humble prayer. If God is inviting you to a deeper consecration as a sister or brother, priest or deacon, contact Fr. Chris Luoni at 330.744.8451, or email him at [cluoni@youngstowndiocese.org](mailto:cluoni@youngstowndiocese.org).

## Anointing of the Sick

**Will be available immediately following the 4:00 liturgy on Saturday, December 27.**

Those who wish to be anointed should move to the area near the piano after Mass ends.

*This sacrament is primarily a sacrament of physical healing and spiritual strengthening. Anointing of the Sick is available after Mass the fourth Saturday of each month throughout the year.*

*We wait in joyful hope...*

**THE WEEK AHEAD****Sunday, December 21**

- 9:00 a.m. Spanish Mass (Providence Center)
- 10:10 a.m. Faith Formation Pre-K--Grade 8 (School Rooms)
- 10:10 a.m. Coffee & Donuts (Holy Family Hall)
- 1:00 p.m. Family Choir Practice (Parish Library)
- 4:30 p.m. Taize Prayer Around the Cross (Church)

**Monday, December 22**

- 7:00 a.m. Men's Advent Prayer Breakfast (Panera)
- 10:30 a.m. AA Meeting (Providence Center)
- 5:30 p.m. Zumba (Reagan Hall)

**Tuesday, December 23**

- 8:00 p.m. AA Meeting (Providence Center)

**Wednesday, December 24****Thursday, December 25**

- 10:00 a.m. Christmas Day Mass

**Friday, December 26****Saturday, December 27**

- 9:00 a.m. AA Meeting (Providence Center)
- 11:00 a.m. AA Meeting (Providence Center)

**Sunday, December 28**

- 9:00 a.m. Mass
- 11:30 a.m. Mass

***O Come, O Come Emmanuel!***

**ATTENTION LITURGICAL MINISTERS****PLEASE HELP WITH UPCOMING HOLY DAYS**

Wednesday, December 24 (Vigil of the Nativity of the Lord)

Thursday, December 25 (Nativity of the Lord)

Wednesday, December 31 (Vigil of Mary, Mother of God)

Thursday, January 1, 2015 (Mary, Mother of God)

If you could offer your help as a hospitality ministers (greeter, usher), altar server, lector or extraordinary minister of Holy Communion at the Masses you plan to attend, you'd be helping the community a great deal.

Please check the gathering space for sign up sheets. These will cover 4, 6 and 11 p.m. liturgies for Christmas Eve, and 10 a.m. liturgy on Christmas morning, as well as the liturgies to celebrate Mary, Mother of God -- Dec. 31 at 7 p.m. and Jan. 1 at 8:30 a.m.

**PLEASE NOTE: YOU WILL HAVE TO ARRIVE EARLY FOR THE LITURGY WHERE YOU WILL MINISTER. IF THAT IS NOT POSSIBLE, PLEASE DO NOT SIGN UP.**

**PARISH OFFICES CLOSED FOR HOLIDAYS**

The parish offices will be closed **Wednesday, Thursday and Friday December 24, 25 and 26** in observance of **Christmas**.

There will be no Mass or Communion Service on Friday, December 26.

The parish offices will be open Monday, December 29 at 8:30 a.m. Morning Mass will be celebrated at 8:30 a.m. in the chapel.

The parish offices will be closed on **Thursday, January 1, New Year's Day**. Morning Mass will be celebrated at 8:30 a.m. (Vigil Mass takes place Wednesday, 12/31, at 7 p.m.)

**Liturgy Schedule for  
Christmas Eve, Christmas Day 2014**

**Wednesday, December 24 --**

4:00 p.m. Mass Vigil of Christmas

6:00 p.m. Mass Vigil of Christmas

11:00 p.m. Mass Vigil of Christmas

*Preceded by  
20 minutes of  
seasonal music.*

**Thursday, December 25 --  
10:00 a.m. Mass Christmas Day**

**Liturgy Schedule for  
New Year's Eve, New Year's Day**

**Wednesday, December 31 --**

7:00 p.m. Mass Vigil of the Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God

**Thursday, January 1, 2015**

8:30 a.m. Mass Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God

**NEW PARISHIONER REGISTRATION**

Interested in registering as parishioners of our parish? Stop by the table in the gathering space this weekend, Dec 20/21, and register your family with...

**4pm Pam Hietikko, Jean Lemaster**  
**9am Diana Seman, JoAnn Tisone**  
**11:30am Rocky & Renee Maiorca**

**Taizé Prayer around the Cross**

Steal a few quiet moments on the shortest day of the year! During the craziness of the preparations for Christmas, set aside a few minutes to center mind and heart in calming prayer in the style of the Taizé community. This prayer will take place **Sunday, December 21 at 4:30 p.m.** in the church. Taizé Prayer includes singing, psalms, a scripture reading, intercessory prayer and silence.

**Stewardship Thought for the Week**

Today's Gospel depicts the Annunciation of the Lord. As we prepare for the celebration of Christmas later this week, may we, like the Blessed Mother, become faithful and loving stewards of the presence of Christ, given to us by God the Father and the constant example of Mary, our Mother.

**Parish Sacrificial Giving Summary**

*In gratitude for the gifts we have received from God, parishioners and visitors made a joyful return to the Lord of \$13,259.20 in the Offertory for the weekend of December 13 & 14, 2014.*

**Fiscal Year-to-date Information (7/6/14—6/28/15):**

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|-------------------------------|---------------|
| Goal for Fiscal Year-to-date: | \$ 358,041.00 |
| Amount Collected:             | \$ 341,363.35 |
| Amount short of needed goal:  | \$ 16,677.65  |
| Children's Stewardship:       | \$ 14.00      |

**Thanks for Giving First Fruits & Taking a Step!!**

**SPECIAL MINISTERS' SCHEDULE**

**Saturday, December 20 4:00 pm**  
**Readers:** S. DeLeo, M. Shader  
**S.M.H.C.:** R. Fenstermaker, S. & J. Delaquila, R. Green,  
 P. Mangiarelli, A. Klotz, D. Bokone  
**Servers:** D. Falcione, R. Lubert  
**Greeters:** J. & D. Bokone

**Sunday, December 21 9:00 am**  
**Readers:** J. Laux, D. Laux  
**S.M.H.C.:** S. & K. Bungo, M. Bugos, R. Green, J. Gabele,  
 T. & K. Lazor, D. Woolensack, T. Lussier-Hurlbert  
**Servers:** C. Faulk, M. Menci, T. Patchen  
**Greeters:** R. Crowe, L. Maloney, C. Riffle  
**CLOW:** A. Birmingham

**11:30 am**  
**Readers:** B. Steines, A. Economos  
**S.M.H.C.:** D. Crockett, J. Sabat, M. Pipino, M. Schaefer,  
 P. Orsinelli, R. Green, C. Hooks  
**Servers:** N. McGee, A. Steines, E. Economos  
**Greeters:** J. & J. Satterfield; T. & C. Belmaggio  
**CLOW:** T. Elisco

**Saturday, December 27 4:00 pm**  
**Readers:** D. Zock, K. Sauer  
**S.M.H.C.:** R. Lubert, A. Klotz, P. Mangiarelli, S. Campbell,  
 R. Fenstermaker, J. & L. Sanders  
**Servers:** F. Pishotti, G. Pishotti, W. Thompson  
**Greeters:** G. Baran, J. Lemaster

**Sunday, December 28 9:00 am**  
**Readers:** J. Lyda, J. Hamilton  
**S.M.H.C.:** M. & C. Werblan, S. Letson, B. Lyda, R. Malanga,  
 D. & J. Falcione, R. Jones, M. Jones  
**Servers:** P. Loges, J. Jones, T. Klaben  
**Greeters:** G. & D. Woolensack  
**CLOW:** No CLOW today

**11:30 am**  
**Readers:** J. Bedich, A. Kelly  
**S.M.H.C.:** A. Kemble, M. Pipino, J. Sabat, R. Green, S. & K. Kelly,  
 M. Schaefer  
**Servers:** M. Schaefer, M. Schaefer, N. Muscarella  
**Greeters:** B. & B. Ward; K. Kiniklis, B. Shanovich  
**CLOW:** No CLOW today

**R.C.I.A**

**CATECHUMEN & CANDIDATE WELCOME**

We welcomed six new adults and five children into our community who are seeking full communion in the Catholic Faith. The adult Catechumens **Abigail Corley, Darryl Douglas, Bryan Kroll, Betty Strawderman**, and children, **Jacob Conde, Kamora Hays, Nina Paden, Jenia Rameriz, and Selena Rockenfelder**, will be receiving all three initiation sacraments at the Easter Vigil. Our candidates, **Christy Conde and Joe O'Grady**, will be receiving Eucharist and Confirmation.

Since September, all of them have been attending inquiry and formation sessions and are now ready to take the next step of their journey into the Period of Catechumenate. As they walk their journey of faith, we welcome them with open arms and continue to keep them in our prayers. *A prayer card that you can use at home is available in the gathering space.*

*Interested in learning more about our Catholic Faith? Contact Deacon Bob with questions!*

**WELCOME!**

A warm Blessed Sacrament Parish welcome is extended to our new parishioners, **Raymond and Deana Pace and their son Hunter**. See you at Coffee & Donuts!

**MARRIAGE MOMENTS**

It's almost here -- Christmas of course. It's easy to feel pretty frantic and busy at this time of year. We want to get a nice gift for our spouse, the kids, whoever, decorate, etc. Take some time out today. It needn't be long; just a pause. Look at each other and be thankful.

**EVENING PRAYER**

Our parish evening prayer will resume Tuesday, January 6, at 7 p.m. in the chapel. Plan to take part!

*LITTLE ROCK SCRIPTURE FOR WINTER*  
**THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW, PART II**  
**The first session is Tuesday, January 6, 2015**  
**in the parlor of Blessed Sacrament Church.**

*The session follows our parish Evening Prayer at 7 p.m. (session runs 7:30 – 9:00 p.m.).*

**Fundamental Commitment:**

**Prayer – Presence – Preparation – Participation**

THOSE BEGINNING THE STUDY OF MATTHEW ARE ASKED TO LOOK OVER THE FIRST PART OF THE STUDY BEFORE JANUARY 6. FOR CONTINUING PARTICIPANTS, THERE IS NO ASSIGNMENT BEFORE THE FIRST SESSION.

Sessions meet Tuesdays 1-6-15 thru 2-10-15, 7:30-9pm. Evening Prayer at 7pm really sets the tone! Six sessions total. New to the study, \$20; continuing, \$5. CEU's available thru the diocese. Bring your bible weekly along with your study materials. Register after all of the Masses on the weekends of December 27/28 and January 3/4. You may also register by calling the parish office, or on-line. Materials available when payment is made.

**PARENTING POINTERS**

The Christmas Vigil uses the genealogy of Jesus as the Gospel (Matthew 1: 1-25). Do your children know their heritage back several generations? Talk with them about their relatives dead and alive and their ethnic roots. Perhaps go to a map and help them visualize the way they came to the place you now call home.

**BAPTISMAL PREPARATION**

Are you planning to have a child baptized in the next several months? Our next Baptismal Preparation Session will take place on Sunday, January 11, 2015, at 1 p.m. in the parlor. Please call the parish office to register.

We ask that all parents attend a baptismal preparation session during the third trimester of pregnancy, and that parents attend a preparation session for each child.

## FAITH FORMATION

**There will be no FFS or CLOW on Sunday, 12/28**

Both activities for our children will resume of January 4!

We pray that all of our holy families will have a wonderful holiday!

## BAMBINELLI SUNDAY

Today, on Sunday, Dec. 21. we asked children to bring in their baby Jesus figurines from the family nativity set to Mass, to be blessed by Deacon Bob during the Sunday morning CLOW sessions. In Rome the Pope blesses the figures in St. Peter's Piazza and the Sunday is called Bambinelli Sunday! Bob will read the children a story about this custom and bless the figurines.

## Family items on sale for Christmas!

These are offered at special prices from the companies! Stop by the parish office or the FFS office on Sundays. (Make checks payable to Blessed Sacrament Parish with the item on the memo line!)

1. Plush Jesus (with a small book of Bible Stories, from Loyola Press) \$14
2. St. Mary's Press Children's Bible, \$20

## HELP THOSE IN NEED THIS MONTH...

During the month of December, we will collect the following...

- Cleaning/personal care items of any kind for Harriet's Cupboard, a Catholic Charities organization located on Laird Avenue in Warren.

## TREASURED GIFTS FROM GOD

### CHILD PROTECTION INSERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

All new volunteers and employees who minister with youth and children are required to participate in "Treasured Gifts from God" Child Protection Inservice.

Please contact Brenda Antenucci in the parish office to register for the January session at our parish, or to learn about other sessions being offered throughout our diocese.

## Youth Ministry / E.P.I.C. Teens

Please find our new/revised schedule of events in the gathering space. Call Brooke at the parish office to sign up, or email her for details. Find us on **Facebook** -- search for Brooke Verbosky Steines (become friends!) and request to view our closed/private group pictures by searching for **Blessed Sacrament Parish E.P.I.C. Youth Ministry**. BSP adults can join our Facebook group and support our teens! Brooke also posts on **Instagram** as BROOKLYN-CYM-BSP. Our **Twitter** account is: brooklyn\_cymbp. (Please send Brooke an email at bsteines@bspcc.org if you want to be accepted on Instagram or Twitter so she knows who to accept.) Please call Brooke in the parish office to inquire about any and all events, 330.372.2215 ext 104.

## IMPORTANT DATES

- Dec. and Jan.** -- Kairos leaders will meet: dates TBA  
\*please call Brooke with: days off info, and when exams done\*
- Jan 24/25 -- Kairos Retreat** (for those registered)
- Jan 31/Feb 1 -- Souper Bowl of Caring** collections after all Masses, benefits St. Vincent de Paul Society
- Feb 1 -- Pancake Breakfast** to benefit SVdP Society

## Mission Trip for June 29-July 2, 2015

All 8th-11th graders (incoming 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders for the fall of 2015) interested in a mission trip opportunity next summer, please contact Brooke in the parish office for more details. Plans are being made for an iPlunge experience in Cincinnati, OH, with the Jesuit Spiritual Center (who run our Confirmation retreats) for three nights, four days (from 6am June 29 - 8pm July 2, 2015). A \$55 non-refundable deposit is due Feb 15. Fundraising will take place in March/April/May. The total cost of the trip is \$265/person + fuel. Chaperones needed and will drive their own cars (no buses will be used.) Essays and applications will be used to determine who will have a spot held for the trip.

## YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

**Mahoning Valley Theology on Tap** meets on Wednesday, 1/21, at Avalon Downtown Youngstown. Meet in our parish parking lot by 6:45pm to carpool, program at 7pm. RSVP to Brooke by TU 1/20. Save the dates...always the third Wednesday, 2/18, 3/18, 4/15, and 5/20! Locations change every 3-4 months.

**CHARITY FUND COMMITTEE...Please help if you can!!** A family is in need of couches!! If you are of replacing your sofa and would be willing to donate your old one, we have the means to pick up the sofa to be used by a large, loving and local family. Contact Betty at Betty's Angel's 330.646.2011...or contact the parish office with your donation information!

## KEEP THE KIDS WARM CAMPAIGN

Catholic Charities will sponsor the annual "Keep the Kids Warm" campaign between the Feasts of the Holy Family and the Baptism of the Lord, Dec 28 and Jan 11.

Keep the Kids Warm is an important annual effort that raises funds to help low-income and working poor families who do not qualify for government assistance; families waiting for PIPP Plus (Percentage of Income Payment Plan) to authorize assistance; and families who HEAP (Home Energy Assistance Program) benefits have been exhausted.

Last year, Catholic Charities provided utility assistance to 4,883 people. That amount is expected to be higher this year as greater requests come in. Catholic Charities serves all qualifying people in need regardless of their religion.

Donations of support can be sent to Catholic Charities' Keep the Kids Warm, P.O. Box 614, Youngstown, OH 44501. Donations can also be made on Catholic Charities' website at [www.ccdoy.org](http://www.ccdoy.org). One-hundred percent of the funds raised through this special effort are returned to the counties in which they were collected to provide direct assistance to families in need.

**Please help us ensure that children stay warm during this cold Ohio winter!**

Contact Meg Andersen, Director of Social Services at 330.744.8451 ext 328 for more information.

**LITURGY CORNER**

**Our “Liturgy Corner” takes a journey through the General Instruction of the Roman Missal**

Today we celebrate the Fourth Sunday of Advent – heading into the celebration of the birth of Jesus. We have decided to put the *GIRM* on hold this week so that we can offer a column to help all of us enter the season of Christmas Time with a deeper understanding of “O Come, O Come, Emanuel” and the many titles used for Christ in the closing days of Advent. You’ll see that the hymn has a verse for each of Christ’s titles.

Two years ago our Advent Reconciliation Service gave us some time to reflect on what is known as the “O Antiphons.” We take some information from the booklet prepared by Pat Campbell for distribution at that service.

**The “O Antiphons”**

The seven antiphons recited (or chanted) before the Magnificat at evening prayer in the Octave before Christmas are referred to as the “O Antiphons.” The Octave before Christmas is December 17 - 23. (Evening prayer on December 24 celebrates the Vigil of Christmas.)

The origin of these antiphons is not known, but there was a reference to them made by Boethius (c. 480 – 524) suggesting they were in use during his lifetime. This is conjecture, but it is agreed that they are over 1,000 years old. They have been found in manuscripts dating back to the eleventh century!

Since Vatican Council II these “O Antiphons” have been reworked and reworded to also serve as the verse sung with the Gospel Acclamation (Alleluia) during these days ending Advent (and preceding Christmas).

These antiphons add a mood of eager expectation to the liturgy that builds throughout these seven days and

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climaxes at Christmas.

“The *O Antiphons* express the Church’s longing and expectation for the Messiah, her startled wonderment at the fullness of grace which the Christ-Child is about to bestow on the world. Their theme is the majesty of the Savior, His wisdom, His faithfulness and sanctity, His justice and mercy, His covenant with His chosen people, who in their ingratitude break faith with Him. They are concerned with His power and love as King and Redeemer of the World, His relation to every soul as Emmanuel, God-with-us. (*With Christ Through the Year*, Bernard Strasser, Bruce Publishing, 1947)

Their importance is two-fold:

each highlights a title for the Messiah.

each refers to the prophecy of Isaiah of the coming of the Messiah.

☉ **Sapientia**

*O Wisdom*

December 17

☉ **Adonai**

*O Lord of Might*

December 18

☉ **Radix Jesse**

*O Root of Jesse*

December 19

☉ **Clavis David**

*O Key of David*

December 20

☉ **Oriens**

*O Radiant Dawn*

December 21

☉ **Rex Gentium**

*O King of the Nations*

December 22

☉ **Emmanuel**

*O Emmanuel*

December 23

Next week we move on to “Particular Ministries” in the *GIRM*. Join us.

**PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY PERSONNEL**

Our Service Person Board now lists loved ones and parishioners who are presently serving our country – anywhere – at home or abroad. Please keep these men and women in prayer.

**\*\*REMEMBER OUR RETURNING SERVICE PEOPLE IN PRAYER\*\***

There are many difficulties faced by those returning from war and the services they require are not always readily available. Please pray for our returning veterans and for those who do what they can to support them.

*If you would like to add a loved one to the list of service people to keep in prayer, please contact Pat Campbell in the parish office.*

**WORD OF LIFE**

“Although we may feel unsure how best to comfort those who mourn, we must stand with them in their time of suffering. Miscarriage touches the lives of many people, yet all too often this tragedy remains unaddressed. ...As members of a community of faith ourselves, let us comfort those who mourn as we look forward together to a time when all tears are dried and our families are whole once again.”

-- “Solace and Strength in the Sorrow of Miscarriage,”  
2014-2015 Respect Life Program, USCCB

**Flu Season and Liturgical Celebrations**

The following is from the Worship Office of the Diocese of Youngstown.

During flu season parishes may receive requests from parishioners to make changes to liturgical celebrations in order to prevent the spread of the flu and other viruses. The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, in consultation with the Centers for Disease Control, recommends that the following measures be taken in the celebration of the liturgy:

- Priests, deacons, and extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion should be especially reminded of the need to practice good hygiene. Ministers of Holy Communion are encouraged to wash their hands using an alcohol based anti-bacterial solution before Mass begins and immediately after Mass.
- Pastors should instruct people who feel ill not to receive from the cup.
- Those who are sick should stay home, and limit contact with others to keep from infecting them.
- All should be encouraged to follow good everyday healthy actions: of covering your nose and mouth with a tissue when coughing; avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth after shaking hands or touching any surface; avoid close contact with those who are sick.

At the present time, the Bishop’s Committee on Divine Worship of USCCB has not issued directives considering any changes, adaptations or restrictions of options in the celebration of the Liturgy.

