Dear Parishioners and Friends,

You and I have been through some very challenging times during these last two months. As you recall, Bishop Tobin on March 16 in cooperation with the governor of the state of Rhode Island, Gina Raimondo and other civil leaders suspended the public celebration of all masses, weddings, and funerals. Priests were encouraged to celebrate private masses and to leave the church open for visits by the faithful. This is the policy that has been followed here at St. Lucy’s Church.

I am pleased to say that all the mass intentions scheduled during these last two months have been fulfilled.

I am also pleased to inform you that St. Lucy’s Church will resume the regular schedule of masses beginning on Saturday, May 30 and Sunday, May 31. The daily Mass schedule will resume on Monday, June 1. Confessions will be heard on Saturday, 4pm–4:45pm. As Bishop Tobin publicly stated on Saturday, May 16:

"Special attention will be given to creating and maintaining a very sanitary environment within the church.

* Mass attendance is voluntary.

* The elderly or anyone with a compromised medical condition should not attend mass at this time.

* Everyone is asked to wear a face mask upon entering the Church.

* Everyone is also asked to sanitize their hands upon entering the Church.

* Parishioners are asked to follow social distancing guidelines of maintaining 6 feet between non-family members.

* Unfortunately this is the new “normal” for the present time.

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LET US PRAY:

God our Father, pour out the gifts of your Holy Spirit on us and the world. You sent the Spirit on your early disciples at the Feast of Pentecost to begin the teaching of the gospel: now let the Spirit continue to work in us and the world through the hearts of all who believe. Give us the gift of discernment and empowerment. Ask us this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Note that Mass time on Sunday evenings changes to 7pm through Labor Day Weekend.)

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**Prayer by Mark Link, S.J. (*)

*Voice of Jesus, call us when we stray from you,

Arms of Jesus, lift us up when we stumble and fall.

Blood of Jesus, wash us clean when we become soiled.

Body of Jesus, feed us when we grow hungry.

Heart of Jesus, teach us to love one another as you have loved us.**

* Sunday Homilies Series II c. 1990 Mark Link