



**St. Mary**  
of the  
**Assumption**  
Catholic Church  
*"Founded 1824"*

April 8, 2020

E-Letter from Fr. LaHood

Dear Parishioners,

The celebration of the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of Jesus is upon us. This year we will commemorate it in a way we could not have imagined.

Deacon Klco and I will celebrate Holy Thursday and Good Friday Liturgies in the rectory chapel. We will have those at the times we had originally scheduled: 7:30 pm on Thursday and 3:00 pm on Friday. We will celebrate the Easter Vigil at 8:15 in the Church. Since we cannot have a congregation, the Church will be locked during the time of the Vigil.

What can you do? The Church will remain open all day Thursday and Friday. On Thursday it will remain open until Midnight. The Blessed Sacrament will be in the tabernacle. On Friday, we will put the Cross with the relic of the True Cross in the sanctuary at 12 Noon. You can come to venerate the Cross with a bow or genuflection. For obvious reasons we ask that you not kiss or touch the Cross. We will have Stations of the Cross booklets and Litany of the Sacred Heart booklets on the bookcase inside the door. You can pray the Stations of the Cross inside the Church or use the outdoor Stations on the lawn next to the church. The missalette booklets are in the Church. You can read through the liturgies, prayers and readings on your own.

Please keep social distance; no more than ten people in the Church at the same time.

Confessions: I will hear Confessions as scheduled Friday and

Saturday mornings from 10 am to Noon. I will hear them on the back patio of the new rectory. Please park in the church parking lot and walk down the north driveway of the church to the back of the new rectory. I will have a chair set up. If you see someone in the chair please keep your distance to maintain the privacy of the confessional.

If you wish to make an appointment for Confession, or if you need me in any way, you can call my cellphone at 301-452-7820.

On Easter Sunday I will offer Mass in the rectory chapel. My intention will be *pro populo*, that is, for all of you.

You can read my daily updates on the Pastor's Page of our website: <http://stmaryum.org/parish/pastors-page/>

I appreciate so many people dropping off their donations in the parish office mail slot in the door. Also, many have sent them through the mail. Thanks to all!

Have a Blessed Triduum, Fr. LaHood

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