

My dear people of St Anthony of Padua Worship Site and Our Lady of Mount Carmel Worship Site,

I am writing to you during the Corona Virus crisis invading our community, New Jersey, the United States and the earth. I am sure that each of you have your own personal concerns. Since the Corona Virus has been surfaced, I have prayed for those affected by it during the Universal Prayer (Prayer of the Faithful) during Mass. When Bishop Checchio decreed that the celebration of Mass publicly be suspended until April 3, 2020, I have privately celebrated Mass daily for the Mass intentions and the **people of the parish** and your personal concerns with the Corona Virus. On Saturday and Sunday I celebrated a private Mass at both worship sites.

Since gatherings of people over ten is strongly discouraged, we cannot at the present time have any public gatherings. **St. Anthony of Padua Worship Site is open for personal prayer from 7:00AM to 7:00PM every day.** Please be conscious of social distancing while in the church and sit in the places marked **sit here only.**

For your information, on Tuesday, March 17, 2020 Our Lady of Mount Carmel Worship Site and on Friday, March 20, 2020 St. Anthony of Padua Worship Site was thoroughly cleaned, sanitized and disinfected so that when you go into the building you will feel safe. I have purposely left all the inside doors of the church open as another safety precaution.

I am sure among your concerns with the corona virus is your health and the health of the members of your family as well as your future employment status and your personal bills. I am remembering all your concerns in my prayer

If you need or want to talk to me about your concerns associated with the Corona Virus don't hesitate to call the parish office at **732-634-1403** or email me at **info.StAnthony1@gmail.com**

I will be monitoring all phone messages and emails on a regular basis every day. If you have an emergency situation please call the parish office and follow the instructions.

GOD BLESS!

Father Bill Smith