



Partner Parishes of
**St. Mary, Our Lady of Guadalupe
Kittanning
&
St. Mary, Mother of God
Yatesboro**



~ Important Information and Updates as of 3/24/2020 ~

In an effort to keep our parishioners updated as much as possible, please read important information pertaining to Partner Parishes of St. Mary, Our Lady of Guadalupe, Kittanning and St. Mary, Mother of God, Yatesboro:

PUBLIC MASSES CANCELLED

Bishop Edward C. Malesic has **temporarily suspended all weekday and weekend public Masses** in all of the parishes of the Diocese of Greensburg until further notice.

PRIVATE MASSES

Bishop Malesic is asking that priests continue to offer Mass daily in private for all previously scheduled parish Mass intentions, as well as offering additional prayers at these Masses for the protection of our flock during this time of crisis.

SCHEDULED MASS INTENTIONS

Father Victor continues to offer Mass daily in private for all Mass Intentions that have been scheduled during this time in Kittanning and Yatesboro. Please contact St. Mary Parish Office if you have any questions. We will publish scheduled Mass Intentions in our upcoming bulletins, so that you can follow when your Mass Intentions were already satisfied or will be satisfied by Father Victor.

WATCH SUNDAY AND WEEKDAY MASSES ONLINE

Since we are unable to celebrate Masses publicly at this time, you are encouraged to visit St. Mary, Kittanning website www.stmarykittanning.org or St. Mary, Yatesboro website www.saintmaryyatesboro.org and click on **Watch Masses Online** link. This link will connect you with **Streaming Mass List** created for your convenience by Diocese of Greensburg. These resources, which will continue to be updated, are available as way to **stay connected to your faith** during this Coronavirus health crisis. See nearly 20 online options that are available for watching daily and Sunday Masses from parishes across our diocese over the next several weeks.

CANCELLATIONS

All public Weekday and Weekend Masses, parish gatherings, meetings, Lenten Fish Dinners, Stations of the Cross, Eucharistic Adoration and Faith Formation programs for children and adults have been cancelled until further notice.

CHURCH OPEN

St. Mary, Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, Kittanning and St. Mary, Mother of God Church, Yatesboro are open for personal prayer **Monday through Saturday from 11 AM to 2 PM.**

PARISH OFFICES CLOSED

Our partner parish offices will be closed until further notice. Our parish staffs are following work-from-home policy and are available to assist you remotely over the phone or via email. You may call the Kittanning parish office at 724-548-7649 and leave a voicemail message for a particular staff member. Your message will be automatically emailed to that staff member who can then listen to it on their cell phone or computer. You may call the Yatesboro parish office at 724-783-7191 and leave a message. Your request will be processed in a timely manner.

CONFESSIONS AND PENANCE SERVICES

Out of concern for the health and well-being of our clergy and all parishioners, **regularly scheduled confessions are cancelled.** In addition, the **Regional Lenten Penance Services are cancelled.** If you are in grave need of the Sacrament of Reconciliation, please contact the parish office to schedule an appointment. The Sacrament will be celebrated on an individual basis, taking into consideration the safety of Father Victor and penitent.

PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK AND DYING

As announced, all ordinary pastoral care to the homebound and those in nursing facilities, including Masses and other liturgical services at these facilities are suspended until further notice.

Although all non-emergency visits to the sick and homebound are temporarily suspended, Father Victor will always respond to life-threatening situations where someone requires the Anointing of the Sick.

EMERGENCY SITUATIONS

In case of emergency (i.e. danger of death or near death):

Hospitals: Please ask the hospital to contact the Hospital Chaplain. If you are unable to reach the chaplain, please call the parish office.

Nursing Homes and Private Homes: Please call the parish office and leave a detailed message and we will make sure Father Victor responds to the request.

Should Father Victor be called on a pastoral visit involving a person with a contagious disease, including the Coronavirus, we will follow standard precautions required by healthcare officials.

FUNERALS

At this time, we are permitted to have the funerals privately, including with Mass (where applicable). However, **only immediate family can be permitted.** Times must not be published in obituaries.

WEEKLY BULLETIN

We will continue to create a digital version of our weekly bulletin. You can **view it on** St. Mary, Kittanning website www.stmarykittanning.org or St. Mary, Yatesboro website at www.saintmaryyatesboro.org or by subscribing to it at www.parishesonline.com and it will be emailed to you by our bulletin company LPi. As long as our bulletin company is able to print the bulletins, we will have a limited number of copies printed and available in the church if you stop by for prayer.

WEEKLY PARISH OFFERTORY GIVING OPTIONS

Since Masses are cancelled, while a small thing in the grand scheme right now, many people have asked about their weekly offering.

As long as you are fiscally able to give, we appreciate your continued support of our parish. Your contributions assist us in taking care of many financial obligations we have in order to sustain our parish mission and ministries. This is a time when your commitment is more important than ever.

SIGN UP FOR ONLINE GIVING

If you have not already done so, we encourage you to **sign up for Online Giving**.

Kittanning Parishioners: Visit the parish website www.stmarykittanning.org On the homepage, locate "Sign Up for Online Giving" text box and then click on a link that says, "Click here for more information and to sign up." Once you read general information about Online Giving, click on the Online Giving logo located on the bottom of the page and this will take you to the **Our Sunday Visitor St. Mary, Our Lady of Guadalupe Online Giving website** to setup your online giving account.

Yatesboro Parishioners: Visit the parish website www.saintmaryyatesboro.org On the homepage, locate "Sign Up for Online Giving" text box and then click on a link that says, "Click here to Give Online." Select the collection you wish to donate to and donation amount and frequency and enter your account and payment information.

Diocese of Greensburg has also created Online Giving Option available in support of parishes of the Diocese of Greensburg. Visit www.dioceseofgreensburg.org and on the bottom of the homepage, click on purple ribbon stating "Click for Parish Offertory". Then use the available online form to make a gift to our parish. Make sure to select our parish from the drop down list to make your gift.

MAIL YOUR OFFERTORY CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE PARISH OFFICE

If you can't give online, please mail your offertory envelopes to the parish office. We continue to process incoming mail daily. Your continued support of our parish is greatly appreciated!

FAITH FORMATION AND SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Our Faith Formation Coordinators in Kittanning and Yatesboro continue email communication with our Catechists and parents of children in Faith Formation and those preparing for First Holy Communion and Confirmation. Online materials and resources are made available to all involved.

ONLINE RESOURCES FOR CHILDREN AND ADULT FAITH FORMATION AREAS

Make sure to visit the parish website www.stmarykittanning which contains links to wonderful online faith formation resources our diocese put together to help during this time. We hope these resources will be helpful for you and your family.

STAY CONNECTED

Stay connected to our parishes. We will communicate any updates through our parish websites and our weekly partner parish bulletin. Make sure to check for new updates on regular basis.

Diocese of Greensburg Health Alerts and Stay Connected Announcements

To stay continuously updated with communications, recommendations and actions taken by the Diocese of Greensburg to combat the spread of the coronavirus, **text "Faith" to the number 724-305-3057 to sign up for important text message alerts.** Up-to-the-minute Health Alerts and Stay Connected communication are available on all diocesan social media outlets - Facebook, Twitter and Instagram - and on its website, www.dioceseofgreensburg.org

Please keep those who are suffering in the current outbreak of sickness and all those who are ill in your prayers.

Holy Virgin of Guadalupe,
Queen of the Angels and Mother of the Americas.
We fly to you today as your beloved children.
We ask you to intercede for us with your Son,
as you did at the wedding in Cana.

Pray for us, loving Mother,
and gain for our nation and world,
and for all our families and loved ones,
the protection of your holy angels,
that we may be spared the worst of this illness.

For those already afflicted,
we ask you to obtain the grace of healing and deliverance.
Hear the cries of those who are vulnerable and fearful,
wipe away their tears and help them to trust.

In this time of trial and testing,
teach all of us in the Church to love one another and
to be patient and kind.
Help us to bring the peace of Jesus to our land and to
our hearts.

We come to you with confidence,
knowing that you truly are our compassionate mother,
health of the sick and cause of our joy.

Shelter us under the mantle of your protection,
keep us in the embrace of your arms,
help us always to know the love of your Son, Jesus. Amen.

