

Given global concerns regarding the Coronavirus (COVID-19), we want to take this opportunity to update our parishioners.

We are carefully monitoring the recommendations of the Archdiocese of Atlanta and governmental health agencies such as the Center for Disease Control (CDC) and local health organizations.

Here are some important precautions the Parish is taking:

- Classrooms and other campus areas are being sanitized regularly.
- The Church is cleaned regularly by a 3rd party vendor.
- Please note that there is a shortage of hand sanitizer and soap available for purchase; the Church is working diligently to receive shipments. We ask that parishioners bring their own personal hand sanitizers. If you would like to donate hand sanitizer to the Church, please bring it to the Business Office.

Here are some important developments:

- We are NOT cancelling Masses. Additionally, the Church is open as usual throughout the weekdays and weekends for all who want to come and pray during these uncertain times. You are welcome here; it is your home.
- However, if you are feeling ill or are a caretaker for someone who is sick, please do not come to the Church and risk infecting your brothers and sisters. Note that all of our Masses are live streamed at <http://bit.ly/2TZ11ZT>.
- If you are not able to attend Mass, please remember that the Church still needs your regular contributions. Consider the following giving options:
 - Online giving through the Parish website at www.stphilipbenizi.org
 - Set up bill pay through your financial institution (made payable to St. Philip Benizi, 591 Flint River Road, Jonesboro, GA 30238). Include your envelope number.
 - Mail your contribution to 591 Flint River Road, Jonesboro, GA 30238 (include your envelope number)
- The Youth Group Retreat scheduled for this weekend has been cancelled.
- Religious Education classes are cancelled as of Monday, March 16, 2020, until further notice. Please look to the RE Flocknotes sent out by Darleine Arce and Susan Baker. If you are not getting these e-newsletters from RE and wish to be on their lists, please contact them at 770-478-0178, ext. 113 and 110, respectively.
- ESL and Citizenship classes have been cancelled until further notice. Ramona de Leon and her team will be in contact with those students with alternative distance learning platforms.
- The Angels of Mercy have cancelled their "Getting Older" seminar scheduled for March 29. It will be rescheduled at a later date.
- Breakfast with the Business Manager has been cancelled. It will be rescheduled at a later date.
- Our Preschool will be closed until March 30, 2020.
- The Parish Office will continue its normal business hours.

Please join us in prayer for our world. Pray for a swift end to the spread of this illness, comfort for all those affected, and wisdom for all those who must respond to this in any way.