

Dear Friends,

As we prepare to return to the public celebration of Holy Mass this weekend, I would be remiss if I didn't acknowledge the incredible work of our staff here at St. Pius. So much work has been done behind the scenes over the last couple of months and they deserve all the credit in the world for their devotion not only to the people of our parish, but to the many people in our community that our parish has helped (as have all the churches in our community).

Deb Carey and Chris Magowan have worked tirelessly, quietly, and joyfully behind the scenes, continuing the day to day work of our parish and coordinating volunteer efforts. Deacon Fran has continued to help, especially with the important work of keeping our website updated and helping me with decision making. Sylvia Manfred has continued to provide important support here at the rectory and in her quiet, but important work, in church cleaning and upkeep. Rich Stockman has continued to provide support to me personally and the parish. Even though we haven't had public Masses, he's played a couple of quiet, small weddings and has been preparing for our return to Mass. Paula Eagan has been an invaluable volunteer with counting the collection each week. She's great with numbers and always joyful in her work! And Tom and Matt Burgess have done a phenomenal job with maintaining the parish physical plant and grounds. They do great work!

Additionally, I am so grateful to the COUNTLESS parishioners who have volunteered in so many ways to help our parish and to help others in the community.

Lastly, Fr. Ray is one of the holiest and most faithful priests that I know. He inspires me every day. He is a huge support to me and our parish. I just feel bad for him that he has to put up with me every day!

I will never be able to adequately express my gratitude to all of our parishioners who have continued to support our parish during this time, not only financially but spiritually by their support and prayers. I am grateful and I am humbled by the hard work and support of our staff and our parish. EACH ONE OF YOU is the reason why our parish is so blessed and so dynamic.

God bless you,
Fr. Najim