

# Information from the Diocese of Providence during the COVID-19 Crisis

March 27, 2020

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## ***A Prayer to Mary from Pope Francis***

*"Under your protection, we seek refuge, Holy Mother of God.  
Do not disdain the entreaties of we who are in trail,  
but deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin."*

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## From Bishop Tobin

### *We're All Connected*

If there's one thing the coronavirus pandemic has reminded us is that as members of the human family, we are all connected. . . [Read more](#).

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## Bishop Tobin Asks Church Bells to Ring in Solidarity On Sunday Mornings

*Beginning this Sunday, March 29 at 9:00am*

As a sign of faith and unity during this difficult and unprecedented time, the Most Reverend Thomas J. Tobin, Bishop of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Providence, is asking that the bells of all Catholic churches be rung for five minutes every Sunday morning until the Coronavirus crisis is over.

"This symbolic gesture will speak to our whole community of the presence of God, will help to unite the Diocese spiritually, and will signal hope for our people, reminding them that their churches are still there, eager to welcome them home in the very near future," said Bishop Tobin.

Catholic churches are being asked to ring their bells for approximately 5 minutes each Sunday morning at 9 am, beginning this Sunday, March 29, 2020.

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## About Masses

## *Information for the faithful and for parishes*

### **For the Faithful**

#### *Regular Masses*

Please be assured that we will continue to share parishes' live-streaming of their regular Masses. During the COVID-19 Crisis, regular Masses will be posted on the diocesan website page dedicated to parish live-streamed/pre-recorded Masses. [Find it here.](#)

#### *Special Devotions*

For special devotions, including Holy Week Masses, Stations of the Cross, etc., please know that specific information, as in the past, will continue to be listed on the individual parish's website/social media pages/etc. for clarity and simplicity. [Find parish contact and website information here.](#)

### **For Parishes**

#### *Mass FAQ's*

To update a parish's regular COVID-19 Mass schedule ([listed here](#)), email your updates to [webmaster@dioceseofprovidence.org](mailto:webmaster@dioceseofprovidence.org)

#### *Issues with Facebook Live/Live-streaming*

Refer to the helpful "Basic Guide for improving audio quality in Facebook Live" compiled by Fr. Joshua Barrow & Fr. Patrick Briscoe, [here](#).

#### *From the US Conference of Catholic Bishops*

- [Tips on livestreaming the Mass](#)
- [Toolkit from Facebook on keeping your faith community connected](#)

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## **Supporting your parish**

Even though public Masses have been suspended in the Diocese of Providence until further notice, please know you may still support your parish via your parish's secure online giving opportunities (where available) as well as mailing your weekly budget directly to your parish. [Find our Parish Directory here.](#)

Thank you in advance for your prayers and support of the parishes and the faithful in the Diocese of Providence.

*Be assured you are all in our prayers during this challenging time.*

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## Reminder . . .

### *Our Diocesan newspaper online-only beginning March 26th*

We invite you to peruse the RI Catholic online at, [www.thericatholic.com](http://www.thericatholic.com), as well as visit the RI Catholic [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) pages for up-to-date information from the diocese as well as breaking news.

As always, please feel free to share your stories and photos through email (send to: [editor@thericatholic.com](mailto:editor@thericatholic.com)) and on the RI Catholic social media.

In case you missed it:

- [Tiverton Parish Offering 'Drive-Thru Confessions'](#)
- [Guest Editorial: Faith, Leisure and COVID-19](#)
- [Emmanuel House Guests Make Masks to Help Community](#)

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## Stay in touch

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