Holy Triduum Message from Bishop DiMarzio Apr 9, 2020,

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ:

As we enter into the holiest days in the Christian calendar, I want to assure you of my prayers for you and your intentions. In these days, when we commemorate the passion and death of Jesus Christ, many of you have personally shared in the Lord’s suffering. I want you to know that you and those who have died do not suffer alone. These past two weeks, the Diocese of Brooklyn has lost two of its priests and one permanent deacon, and others became ill. We are all suffering, and we need to continue to pray for each other during this difficult time.

Our Catholic Cemeteries and the many funeral directors throughout Brooklyn and Queens have been the face of loving compassion. In speaking to our priests, I know that they have been pained not to physically accompany you at this time of great sorrow and uncertainty. Each has sought to draw you into the mysteries of our faith by means of modern technology. We all know, however, that ultimately, we are left empty by our inability to be together. But we must do our best with the situation we are facing. [The Tablet](https://zpc6fqdj.r.us-east-1.awstrack.me/L0/https%3A//thetablet.org/1/0100017161ac6b8f-b5515643-2dc3-488a-8fea-2da530f95751-000000/feIVCGAs8Dtdoq6aBR6YBbytvGo%3D157)and [Currents News](https://zpc6fqdj.r.us-east-1.awstrack.me/L0/https%3A//netny.tv/shows/currentsnews//1/0100017161ac6b8f-b5515643-2dc3-488a-8fea-2da530f95751-000000/1wJ8njKKLFU-XZy2PoNY4R4jXI4%3D157) have told the stories of heroic people in our Diocese in Brooklyn and Queens and the creative efforts to minister in these difficult days.

As a Diocesan family, there are several options for us to join spiritually together in prayer. Live Masses this Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday from the Co-Cathedral of St. Joseph are televised on [NET-TV](https://zpc6fqdj.r.us-east-1.awstrack.me/L0/https%3A//netny.tv/masses//1/0100017161ac6b8f-b5515643-2dc3-488a-8fea-2da530f95751-000000/8Q9MtQFRVWFTGEJKcn4EJCRJKLQ%3D157), the cable channel of the Diocese of Brooklyn. [NET-TV](https://zpc6fqdj.r.us-east-1.awstrack.me/L0/https%3A//netny.tv/masses//2/0100017161ac6b8f-b5515643-2dc3-488a-8fea-2da530f95751-000000/iWi4G_SuY4iH8Km8EJ5IrBe4Z24%3D157) can be seen in the New York City area on Spectrum-Channel 97, Optimum-Channel 30, and Verizon FIOS-Channel 48. The Masses will also be streamed on our website at [dioceseofbrooklyn.org/masses](https://zpc6fqdj.r.us-east-1.awstrack.me/L0/https%3A//dioceseofbrooklyn.org/masses//1/0100017161ac6b8f-b5515643-2dc3-488a-8fea-2da530f95751-000000/unqcPfx_GqpvOhimm-ZcUe84Hnk%3D157).

As we share in the Lord’s Passion on Good Friday, please remember to fast and abstain from meat, and join in our communal acts of penance and mortification as a sign of joining our sufferings to Christ.

**HOLY WEEK RESOURCES**

There are numerous resources available on our website for you and your family to incorporate in your faithful observances this week. Please see just a few below. For more, visit: <https://dioceseofbrooklyn.org/get-involved/religious-education-resources/>

The US Conference of Catholic Bishops provides an invaluable resource for people of all ages to understand the significance of the Easter Triduum.  [Holy Week-Triduum](http://zpc6fqdj.r.us-east-1.awstrack.me/L0/http%3A//www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/liturgical-year/triduum/index.cfm/1/0100017161ac6b8f-b5515643-2dc3-488a-8fea-2da530f95751-000000/mu21Omd6S8KjMscK13v16hkik2U%3D157)

Resource for families on the [Easter Triduum](https://zpc6fqdj.r.us-east-1.awstrack.me/L0/https%3A//dioceseofbrooklyn.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/Family-Formation-Resources-For-Easter-Triduum.pdf/1/0100017161ac6b8f-b5515643-2dc3-488a-8fea-2da530f95751-000000/H2nYVxqH9XQlusemOOWKrtw1XPE%3D157)

Information and activities for Holy Week: <https://www.loyolapress.com/our-catholic-faith/liturgical-year/holy-week>

[Holy Week at Home](https://zpc6fqdj.r.us-east-1.awstrack.me/L0/https%3A//cdn2.hubspot.net/hubfs/3788244/Holy_Week_at_Home.pdf/1/0100017161ac6b8f-b5515643-2dc3-488a-8fea-2da530f95751-000000/6DY8IcC8738TVXub8IbOU0xOhU4%3D157) – by Liturgical Press

 Our Sunday Visitor - [Helping Kids Cope with-the-Coronavirus-Outbreak](https://zpc6fqdj.r.us-east-1.awstrack.me/L0/https%3A//teachingcatholickids.com/helping-kids-cope-with-the-coronavirus-outbreak//1/0100017161ac6b8f-b5515643-2dc3-488a-8fea-2da530f95751-000000/sAFaTyYoVGvinZz0rktRfEge_yI%3D157)

Additionally, you may have heard our church bells ringing throughout the diocese. I asked every parish in Brooklyn and Queens with outdoor bells to ring them every day at 3 p.m. This initiative, known as “Bells of Hope,” will continue for the duration of the Coronavirus epidemic throughout Brooklyn and Queens.

Please know that you and your loved ones are in my thoughts and prayers during this most difficult time in the history of our city and Nation. Your priests and pastors are just a phone call away to help with any concerns you may have, but please be patient if it takes a little bit for them to get back to you. We ask in particular for your prayers for our hospital chaplains who are anointing the sick at hospitals in Brooklyn and Queens, bringing your prayers and God’s love to people who are suffering from COVID-19.   In a special way, we ask for God’s blessings upon our doctors, nurses and all hospital staff, our law enforcement personnel, our grocery store, and pharmacy workers, as well as all of our essential workers who are putting themselves out there every day helping us in these trying times.

I ask the Lord to extend His choicest blessings upon you and your loved ones during this Holy Week, as we look toward His Resurrection.

 Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Nicholas DiMarzio, Ph.D., D.D.
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