

Merry Christmas to my parish family and friends,
on behalf of our Canonical Pastor, Fr. Thomas Kraszewski, our
Sacramental Minister Fr. Patrick Manning, our parish staff,
and myself.

This Christmas is different from any that I can remember:
no parties to attend, or friends stopping by to visit. But, something has
blossomed from each of these disappointments: learning new ways
to communicate with others, which meant taking time to ensure my
thoughts were complete and focused. Spending less time shopping and
more time with family; making sure love was the gift I worked harder
to give. Checking in on friends to make sure they are okay. Calling
parishioners and making sure I found ways to stay in touch with the
parish as a whole. Having extra time to pray and work-out with the
Holy Spirit; and asking for strength during tough times.

It truly is a wonderful life if we slow down and see what could be
passing us by and if we spend more time doing what we are created for.

I hope this Christmas will allow you to look past the struggles and
uncertainties. Like the Holy Family, may we place our fears and
anxieties in God's hands and allow the light of Christ to illuminate
our way forward.

Even though we were unable to see the Christmas Star in Ohio, it was
still there behind the clouds, just as God is still there for us whenever
life seems overcast.

May God's Blessings be upon all of you
and your families



Deacon Randy

